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County Medical Reserve Corps forms up

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For Oxford County at least last week's ice storm was a pale shadow of its catastrophic predecessor a decade earlier, but the event was still a reminder that disasters can and do strike.

And with any luck, by the time the next event occurs, the good folks who provide emergency response in Oxford County will have a new asset to deploy.

Kevin Saisi of Rumford has been working since spring of 2006 to organize and train an Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps.

If all goes well, he hopes to have the unit fully functional by the middle of the coming year.

About 50 people have expressed interest in joining, and training is slated to begin shortly after New Years.

Medical Reserve Corps was established in response to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

It is a national program, under the auspices of the United States Surgeon General.

Currently there are nearly 800 such units nationwide, staffed by more than 170,000 volunteers.

In Maine, four MCR units have been or are being formed.

And while the program has "Medical" in its name, those volunteers don't have to be clinical professionals.

"We need both medical and support people," Saisi said. "Individuals without medical training can fill essential support roles."

"You can have all the nurses and doctors you want," he said, "but there are still so

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In the spirit of the season



With help from family and friends, members of the Bethel Fire Department recently decorated 1st Lt. Scott Sumner's house for Christmas. The season is Sumner's favorite time of year, but he was unable to decorate because of illness. The firefighters put up lights and also brought a Christmas tree for the family. When the work was complete, they posed for a photo, with Sumner looking out from his window. Pictured are, front (from left): Nick Sumner, Lonnie Davis, Shannon Sumner, Cyrus Krahn. Back: John Swan, Mark McPherson, Randy Autrey, Asst. Chief Jim Young, Chief Mike Jodrey, Tom Gibbs and Dan Kirgis.

(Photo: Debbie Swan)

Stanley Home has been her product line for more than half a century

By ALISON ALOISIO

A local representative of the Stanley Home Products company was pitching her items to housewives at a party in West Paris.

She asked Alice Hoyt of Bryant Pond if she might like to sell the products herself.

"I said, 'I don't like to sell things,'" Hoyt recalls. "She said, 'They'll sell themselves.'"

Hoyt decided to give it a try.

Fifty-one years later, she's still selling the cleaning and other home products. And her offerings still include the company's original half dozen cleaners, with names like Try It, Aqualaun, and Original Degreaser.

Traveling saleswoman Early in her career, Hoyt traveled to Frye-

burg, Rumford, Mexico, Paris, Norway and other area towns to sell her wares.

"Relatives and friends would book a party," said Hoyt. Most gatherings averaged about a dozen people.

Hoyt touted her products, describing how one would remove pine pitch, another spaghetti-sauce stains.

Orders were placed, and when the items arrived the party hostess picked them up for distribution.

In addition to the profit earned from sales, Hoyt received a "premium" for the party itself.

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WES at head of SAD44 class in latest state tests

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock Elementary School pupils last year continued their recent strong performances on the state's MEA tests.

Testing results overall for the district were mixed.

Curriculum consultant Lee Graham last week presented the scores and a report to the SAD44 School Board.

Students in Grades 3-8 and 11 are tested annually in several subjects, to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Her report provided highlights of the results.

(For more on testing terminology, see sidebar, page 4.)

WES and AES

In Woodstock, 77 percent of pupils met or exceeded the federal standards set in reading, while 78 percent met or exceeded them in math.

Most of the WES grade levels tested exceeded the state average on reading and math test scores.

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LITTLE WOMEN—The Telstar High School Drama Department presented "Little Women" this past weekend. Pictured are, from left: Alex Hebert, Jean Lawrence, Emily Bellinger, Victoria Forkus, Mariah Bundy and Roxanne Jewell. (Photo: C. Savage)

G'wood board rejects tire dump bid

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Greenwood Board of Selectmen Tuesday evening rejected Don Lawrence's \$15,000 bid for the 34-acre site of the former Gordon Tire Dump.

The three board members also rejected his repeated, and increasingly heated, demands for a reason why.

And it refused to discuss the matter further with him in executive session.

The town has owned the property since foreclosing on it in 2001, for \$1,855, in back taxes.

And regardless of how much the property might be sold for, \$1,855 is the most the town would make on the sale

—since anything over that figure would go to the state,

which has a lien of \$700,000 on the property.

That figure represents the amount Maine taxpayers spent to remove more than 1.5 million used tires dumped on the site by the former owner, Peter Gordon Sr.

(Most of those tires were dumped after the Maine DEP licensed the site as a tire dump over the vociferous and prolonged complaints from the town that Gordon would not operate the dump according to state regulations. Ultimately, those complaints were borne out by the undeniable reality on the ground, and MDEP closed the site.)

Tabled twice, Bids for the parcel closed on

Oct. 21, with Lawrence's being the only bid received.

At two subsequent selectmen's meetings, the bid was discussed, but tabled without an up-or-down vote.

And Lawrence grew increasingly impatient (Citizen Nov. 26).

The bid was on the agenda again Tuesday.

The board discussed the matter briefly before voting.

No explicit arguments for or against the bid were aired, but Selectman Fred Henderson did express concern about what would be done with the parcel, once it left the town's possession. (Lawrence had

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Christmas & New Year's EARLY AD DEADLINE

The Bethel Citizen will be **CLOSED** Christmas and New Year's Day
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REWARD OFFERED

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Please contact Sylvia Stowell-Hauzenblas

at **31 Lake Road**
Bryant Pond
665-2932
With any information

Bethel Citizen



Letters

POLICY ON USE OF FIRE STATION

To the Editor:

This letter is written to clarify town policy regarding use of the Bethel Fire Station.

Its size, central location, and adjacency to the town common make it an ideal facility for overflow parking and community functions.

However, the fire station exists to house trucks, equipment, and gear, and to support firefighters' training, physical fitness, and camaraderie.

The only goal of this effort is to maintain the ability to provide an effective first response to emergencies in Bethel and nearby unorganized territory, and effective backup response in neighboring towns.

While it is a publicly owned building, public access tends to be restricted to Mollycokett Day and budget review meetings conducted by the Selectmen and Budget Committee. Restricted access enhances the security of the building and its contents. It gives the town a better fire department.

Bethel residents are now thanked for their solid support of the fire department through taxation and donations, while also asked to refrain from requesting use of the fire station. Given the smallness and familiarity of Bethel, the fire chief and his officers are hard pressed to say "no" to these requests. So it is being said here. Thank you for your understanding.

Scott G. Cole
Town Manager

HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING IT

To the Editor:

I love Christmas and would like to take a minute and thank the person or persons that decided they wanted the beautiful wreath I had hanging at the Maine Street Realty Office.

It is the time of year that giving is first things on our minds. So I would like you to enjoy your gift of our wreath and may it give you the season's joy. May it bring you as much happiness as it has me.

If you had asked me for the wreath I may have given it to you or gotten one for you, then you would not have had to steal it.

So, next season if I decide to have any decorations, please stop by and if you like what I have done I may very well see that you are provided with your own wreath and you won't have to take mine, but I do understand that you needed it much more than we did.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too!

Fran Head
Maine Street Realty

FUNDRAISING THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to our generous friends, neighbors, patrons and staff for all of their kind donations to support our selected charities this year. Through raffles at our customer-appreciation party in November, and by sponsoring all of the large holiday ornaments that are hanging from the ceiling in the pub, we have been able to double our fundraising over last year's holiday efforts.

A cash donation of \$750 has been made to the Bethel Area "Christmas for Families" charity along with many canned food items, and a \$250 cash donation has been made to the Bethel Rotary "Christmas for Kids" charity drive. The generosity of those we know well and those that we hardly know at all has been amazing this year.

Again, thank you to all who have helped us support two very important local charitable organizations during this special holiday season.

Happy Holidays.

Steve Etheridge and Gary Szpara
Rooster's Roadhouse

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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NEW YEAR'S BETHEL

To the Editor:

Once again, it's time for the annual New Year's Bethel celebration! This is an affordable, chem-free, family festival featuring live entertainment at several sites within Bethel Hill Village. This year, we have added a new feature, a Community Pot Luck Supper. It will be held at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room from 5 to 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. We hope this new event will get everyone excited, and eagerly looking forward to a memorable evening of entertainment. At 6 p.m., the Children's Dragon Parade will be held. Participants are urged to gather near the fire station prior to parading around the Bethel Common. From 7 to 10 p.m., there will be an opportunity to enjoy marshmallow roasting and a bonfire on the Common.

Also at 7 p.m., join us at Bingham Hall, Gould Academy, for the Judy Lee All New Fun-Filled Family Show. At 8 p.m., the State Street Jazz Band will hold their first concert at the West Parish Congregational Church. Ti'Acadie will offer contra dancing in the Bingham Gym from 8 to 10 p.m. From 8:45 to 9:15, the Western Mountain Senior College Senior Players will entertain us in the West Parish Congregational Church dining room. The State Street Jazz Band will hold their second performance at the church from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. Throughout the evening, refreshments and hospitality will be offered at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, including a Community Sing-A-Long with Lynn Arizzi at the piano from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. At 11:45 p.m., bring your bells (sleigh, school, ship, cow, etc.) and gather at the Town Clock near Key Bank on Main Street for the count down to midnight where we will literally ring in the New Year.

We hope everyone will come and participate in at least some part of this remarkable community event. Tickets will be available from Dec. 9 through the 31st at the following locations: Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen, and Maine Line Products in Locke Mills. Advance tickets are adults \$10, \$8 ages 6-18, ages 5 and under are free. At the door, tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$10 ages 6-18, and free for ages 5 and under. See you there!

Barbara Dior
Chairman, New Year's Bethel

HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

To the Editor:

The Bethel United Methodist Church celebrated a weekend of honor and remembrance on Dec. 13 and 14. The memorial Christmas tree in front of the church on Main Street was lit on Saturday evening following the public supper. The celebration also included reading of names and those they were honoring. On Sunday the names were again read as part of a Blue Christmas service conducted by Pastor Geoffrey Gross. Those who participated by purchasing colored lights on the tree were:

Robert and Virginia Keniston in memory of Stan Davis, Becky Keniston Shaw, Earl and Elsie Davis; Hugh and Denise Swan in memory of Margaret Ring; Edna York in memory of Herbert and Maude Bean, Robert S. York, Raymond York, Michael York and Horace Annas; Dorothy Bean in memory of all her friends; Michael and Judith Coletta in memory of Angelo and Annie Coletta, Florine Bean Bowden, Teresa Nicoletta, Bonnie Eames Bowden, Sally Jo Gibbon and Edmund Butler; Frank and Betty Gingras in memory of Judy Freeman Costa, Dawne Christie Shisler, Sister Christina and in honor of Edna York, Muriel Butters and Bud Bowden; Ray and Joan Cole in memory of Russell and Loretta Cole and Paul Lewis; Earlon and Mary Paine in memory of Louise Twitchell and in honor of Bruce Douglass. Bud and Joan Howe in memory of Bill and Ethel Ward, Stella Howe, Gailey Wheeler, and Ruth Cummings; Jason Adams in memory of Merle and Ruby Thompson, Charles and Eleanor Adams; Barbara Gallant in memory of Leo and Elinor Bartlett; Patricia Blake in memory of Charlie Blake, Bill and Peggy Thornton; Dorothy York in memory of Hope Tibbetts, Brenda Wodka, Barbara W. Bryant and Garey P. York; Rachel Kirkland in memory of Florine Bowden, Edmund Butler, Bonnie Bowden and in honor of Judith and Mike Coletta, Edna York and Muriel Butters.

Karen Davis Matczak in memory of Edwin Brown, Dick and Rita Davis; in honor of Musa Brown and a welcome to Hannah Margaret Matczak; Glenn and Leah Gross in memory of Florine Bowden, Edmund Butler, Bonnie Bowden, Sally Gibbon, Freddy Williams, Guy Drake, Joe Walkner, and in honor of Bud Bowden, Judith Coletta and all those serving to protect our freedom; Keith Bowden in memory of Bonnie Bowden, Florine Bowden and in honor of Kay Eames, Edna York, Muriel Butters, Mary Lou Berry and Rachel MacKay; Doris Fraser in memory of Harry, Esther, Richard and Dwight Williamson; Norma and Albert Buck in memory of Nancy Jean Buck, Wilma Gorman and David Buck; Avery Angevine in memory of Mary, Chris, Gladys and Katherine Angevine; Dolores G. Williams in memory of Bill Williams, Gregory Tyler and Gailey Wheeler; Louis DellaValle in memory of Peter DellaValle, son and friend; George and Danna Nickerson in memory of Don Brown, Herb and Ev Nickerson and in honor of Arlene Brown and Addison Ruth Wight; Ann, Nathan, Nathanael and Douglass Greenleaf in memory of Eldon Greenleaf; Mary Eichel in memory of Robert Eichel, Stan and Millie Wentzell, Raymond Wentzell, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon and in honor of all her friends in Bethel; Francis and Mary Lou Berry in memory of Eva Chapman, Helen C. Berry and Helen E. Berry; Charles and Deborah Adams in memory of Jack and Eleanor Parsons, Hope Tibbetts, Brenda Wodka and Betty Perkins; Muriel Butters in memory of Seymour Butters, Herbert and Maude Bean; Nancy Brown in memory of Edwin Brown, Barry Crommett, John Brown, Margaret Ring and Jim Cullop; Evelyn Kimball in memory of Lawrence Kimball; Musa Brown in memory of Edwin, John, Kevin and Neal Brown, Carl and Ruth Brown, Carl and Eva Swan, Barry Crommett and Margaret Ring; Merle White and Gloria Wilson in memory of Irene, Alden, Terry and Stanley Wilson and Harold, Mildred and Deborah White; Laurie and Bob Hickey in memory of Edwin L. Brown, Barry Crommett, Margaret Ring, Neal and Kevin Brown; Donna Jean Small in memory of John Small; Juanita Haines in memory of Dick Carter; Sarah Stevens in memory of Randal Stevens, Richard and Hulda Stevens; Marilyn King in memory of Guy Parker Jr. and Kim Parker; Jane B. Young in memory of John Gunther, Shane Ferrante, Chris Jordan and Archie Young Jr.; Luna Akers in memory of Edwin and Hannah Childs; Rebecca Crommett in memory of Barry Crommett, Ruth Crommett, Phyllis Crommett and Edwin Brown; Judith and Michael Coletta in memory of Leah Deegan, Aunt Mary Rossi and Aunt Cesira Palazinne; A Friend in honor of Mary Lou Berry, Arlene G. Brown, John and Arlene Greenleaf and Muriel Butters; Stephanie Emens in honor of Muriel Butters, Musa Brown, Edna York, Courtney, Whitney and Taylor Emens and in memory of Eugene Currier, Hope Tibbetts and Brenda Wodka; Stephanie, Courtney, Whitney and Taylor Emens in loving memory of Muriel Faudi, Jacob and friends; Ernest and Alberta Angevine in memory of Betty Blake and Rena Abbott and in honor of their family.

Thomas Carter in memory of Richard and Lyndell Carter; Henry and Elizabeth Robertson in honor of Vicky Robertson, Jean Ramsay and Merry Harkins; Florence Morgan in memory of Olin Morgan and Shirley Dinardo; John and Kathryn Marzilli in memory of Archie Young Jr.; Robert and Linda Howe in memory of Greg and Kristen Cummings, Richard and Hulda Stevens, Randal Stevens, Richard and Lyndell Carter; Thomas and Dawn Giroux in memory of Dewey Paul Giroux, Mary Beth Giroux, Kenneth and Faye Buckminster, Joyce Buckminster Methven, Leah and Simon Irish; Valerie J. Bowden in memory of Bonnie Eames Bowden, Nana Florine Bowden, Grandpa Rodney Eames, Guy W. Drake and in honor of Kathryn M. Eames, A.W. (Bud) Bowden Jr., Judith and Mike Coletta, Leah, Glenn, Bethany and Evan Gross and members of the Albany Congregational Church; Jackie Gammon in memory of Guy and Nina Crouse, Earlyn Crouse, Helen Burgess and E. Roberts; Dick and Grace Douglass in memory of Albert Taylor, Alice Taylor and Susan Grover.

Musa Brown
Bethel

A DOG IS FOR LIFE, NOT JUST CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club in regard to the giving of puppies as gifts during the Christmas season.

Contemplating the giving of a puppy at Christmas time? You may want to think twice before giving the gift of a puppy over the holidays. While holiday cards and advertisements are filled with images of irresistible puppies peeking their heads out of stockings and from under the tree, the reality of introducing a puppy to a household over the holidays can be quite different.

A puppy is not a stuffed toy. It will not take kindly to being ignored once a newer, brighter toy (one that does not need to be housebroken, fed, and kept up to date on vet care) is discovered. Puppies need attention, training, food, shelter, socialization and a lifetime of love and care. Overexcited children and adults too, may scare a puppy or neglect it, especially after it chews up a holiday toy or gift or has an accident on the rug.

Cute puppies soon become full-sized dogs. Remember, an impulse gift over the holidays can last for 10 or more years and these impulse gifts often end up either given away or in shelters. Ask yourself - are the humans you are giving this cute little puppy to, ready both financially and emotionally for the responsibilities of dog ownership? What is their work schedule? Is there enough time and commitment for the puppy to be raised properly? If the answers indicate that they are not ready just yet, maybe the stuffed dog would be better, at least for this time.

A dog is a treasure. If you want to give someone a puppy, don't have it be a surprise. Consider a gift that signifies the puppy to come, or will help someone choose the right breed of dog for their lifestyle. The AKC website has a host of information about various dog breeds. Advice from a responsible breeder would also be well taken. Visit with the breeder and ask questions. The AKC's website has an extensive list of questions they suggest that you ask the breeder to aid you in selecting both the appropriate breed and a responsible breeder.

It's always best to allow the actual owners to pick out their own puppies. The new owner needs to carefully consider the adult size of the dog, disposition, appetite, health concerns and grooming needs.

We suggest that you attend dog-related activities such as hunt tests, agility trials, and dog shows to find and talk with a reputable breeder. Call your local vet and schedule a time to talk with him/her about dog breeds in general and who in your area are reputable breeders. Vets are aware of which breeders do health clearances on their breeding stock, give written health guarantees, and know the temperament of the dogs they breed. Vets can be a valuable resource in the quest to find the right puppy.

Kathy Hartley
Public Education Coordinator, Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club, Orrington

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: National Guard trucks had begun hauling snow from Sunday River Skiway to Bethel Station for the construction of the planned 110-foot tall snowman.

Andover Water District's new water system was nearing completion.

Randy and Cathy Autrey opened a small hobby shop, Autrey's Outdoor Fun," next to their home on the Intervale Road.

Births: John Decatur Douglas Franklin, Brad Dominick Adams.

Deaths: Avis Enman Beardsley, Roger D. Luce, Irene J. Millett, Kenneth H. Dymont.

20 years ago: Mt. Abram Ski Slopes became the first business in Maine to receive a one-million-dollar loan guaranteed primarily by the federal Small Business Administration.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen approved the construction of a skating rink on the lower end of the Common.

The Citizen's print shop had added a new press, an instant plate maker, and a hydraulic paper cutter, making it possible to do higher quality work faster and at a lower cost.

Births: William Kenneth Austin, Tara Leigh Lunney.

Deaths: Bethany Ellen Grover, William F. Schroderus.

30 years ago: Attendance was down slightly for the 15th annual Living Nativity due to a wet snowfall of 4 to 5 inches which made traveling difficult.

Bethel's Rotary Club entertained the Senior Citizens at a Christmas dinner at the West Parish Congregational Church.

The Pineland Ski Club in Andover was sponsoring free lessons for anyone five years and up. Jim Bodwell was the instructor.

Death: Leon F. Proctor.

40 years ago: Bethel's Grand Trunk station was being razed. It was built in 1865 and closed Oct. 31, 1968.

The Bethel Democratic Town Committee met and appointed Arthur Gilbert acting postmaster for West Bethel.

"Mush" McMillin furnished transportation for the Senior Citizen's annual bus ride around Bethel to see the Christmas decorations.

Deaths: Mrs. Ida Golding Cummings, Arthur L. Dudley, Toivo Tamlander.

50 years ago: The Gould skating rink was open for use from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Hockey playing was being allowed on the skating rink at Crescent Park on Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

A new snowplow frame had been installed on Bethel's 1958 International truck.

Mrs. Paul King and her accordion band pupils entertained at her home on Evergreen Road.

Births: Robin Ella Newell, Stephen Paul Severance.

Deaths: Clifton S. Pinkham, David M. Forbes.

60 years ago: Miss Priscilla Goggin was soloist on the broadcast of the University of Maine Radio Guild. The solo number was Cantique do Noel.

Edmond Vachon was guest speaker at the meeting of the Bethel Lions Club at Hotel Sudbury. His topic was Southern France.

Death: Mrs. Elvira Maddix.

70 years ago: Bethel Boy Scouts were awarded the trophy for the largest percentage in attendance at Camp William Hinds during the summer of 1938.

Deaths: Lloyd C. Thompson, Herbert L. Allen.

80 years ago: Ernest Blake was working at the Morrill, Adams mill, West Bethel.

Percy Walker's woodworking mill at North Newry was destroyed by fire. Skewers and candy sticks were manufactured there.

A cabin monoplane was being built by Carmeno Onofrio and Angelo Onofrio in Crockett's Garage.

Deaths: Mrs. Catherine Grover, Marita May Walker.

100 years ago: The Bethel Creamery was closed three days a week due to the drop in the number of cows kept in the town.

The tomb at Woodland Cemetery was completed.

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many other things that have to be done to keep things running."

Those "other things" can include acting as a greeter, preparing food, entering computer data, providing spiritual support, setting up HAM radio communications, even taking care of pets.

Scott Parker, Emergency Management Director for Oxford County, said the need for a pet-care component in emergency response was a lesson learned as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

"If you're going to open a shelter for 24-hour periods, you have to have the ability to take people's animals in, or people are just going to stay home and get sick and cold," Parker said.

When MRC would be called
There are three types of situations in which MRC units are considered most likely to be called on.

In a disease pandemic, when the Maine (or Federal) Center for Disease Control mandates mass vaccinations.

In a disaster involving mass injuries, when hospitals are overwhelmed and alternate care facilities must be set up for less seriously injured patients.

And when an event occurs requiring large-scale public shelters.

In this last case, MRC volunteers would be called on to set up Special Needs Shelters.

ters, Saisi said, "for individuals who are unable to stay in a large, noisy room with lots of people — either for privacy, sensory or mental health needs."

His own daughter would be one of the people served by such as shelter, he said.

"My daughter has autism, and she has very sensitive hearing. If she's in an echo room with ten people talking that's too much — it can cause problems for her."

And almost anyone, he stressed, can play a supporting role in such situations.

After a recent presentation he made on the new MRC unit, Saisi said: "I had an elderly lady who came up and said, 'Oh, I could never do that.'"

"And I said: 'Can you sit or stand and hand out information for an hour or so?'"

"She said, 'yes.'"

"And I said, 'Then you're what we need. Your ability to come in and do that would give somebody else, who may have been doing it for a longer time, a break — we need people like you to come in and help out, even if it's only for a short period of time.'"

For more information on the Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps: e-mail info@oxfordcountymrc.org or call Saisi at 357-1821.

More information on the national program can be found at medicalreserve-corps.gov.

Bid

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earlier mentioned low-income housing.)

When the matter came to vote, Selectman Arnold Jordan motioned to reject the bid, and his motion passed unanimously.

Lawrence then asked: "Can I have some kind of an explanation as to why?"

"The bid doesn't require us to have an explanation," Board Chairman Loretta Mikols replied, but she added that in her mind "the timing" of selling the property would be "better placed later on as opposed to now."

The exchange continued, with Lawrence saying at one point: "You put me through a lot of hoops here. If you were going to reject this on some unknown premise, why did you put me through five meetings and make me wait three months?"

Not receiving a satisfactory answer, he soon left, only to return 10 minutes later, demanding to discuss the matter further in executive session.

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"I'd really like to get some answers tonight," he said. "It will facilitate my meeting with my attorney tomorrow."

With that, Mikols asked everyone in the room, including Lawrence, not connected with an executive session already scheduled (on another matter) to leave.

Asked Wednesday to explain for townspeople the board's reason or reasons for rejecting the bid, Mikols replied:

"The bid process allowed for the Town to 'reserve the right to reject any and all bids.'"

"The Board of Selectmen is responsible for conducting business in a manner that is in the best interest of the townspeople, and we felt selling that particular parcel of public property was not in the best interest of the Town at this time."

Briefly

Consolidation hearings scheduled

BETHEL—A public hearing on a proposed school consolidation between SAD44 and Union 37 (Rangeley) will take place Monday, Jan. 12 at Telstar High School at 7 p.m. Hearings will also take place in Upton on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. and in Gilead on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. A vote on the plan is scheduled for Jan. 27. A Regional Planning Committee comprised of representatives from the two regions compiled the plan, which has been approved by the Maine Department of Education.

G'wood Town Office holiday hours

GREENWOOD—The Greenwood Town Office will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 for the Christmas Holiday. The Town Office will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 24. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions: 875-2773.

Local business scam alert

BETHEL—Heidi James of Slopeside Rentals in Bethel reports she was the recipient of an apparent mail scam attempt this week. James said she received an email requesting a lodging booking. The person said she would send a check to cover the cost, and asked that any overage be sent back to her. James asked the client to complete the transaction over the Internet, but the person insisted the check would be sent. It was delivered by overnight shipping. James said a website noted on the check looked legitimate, but when she asked her bank to verify the check, she learned the routing number was fictitious. James said she has heard of other similar scams in the area recently, and cautioned businesses to be alert to them.

Bancorp gets federal money

LEWISTON—Northeast Bancorp says it has received \$4.2 million as part of the Bush administration plan to buy stock in banks. In Friday's announcement, the parent company of Northeast Bank said that in exchange it issued the Treasury shares of Northeast Bancorp preferred stock and warrants to purchase Northeast Bancorp common stock. The government program to take partial ownership in banks is meant to provide the institutions with an injection of capital, and is part of a larger \$700 billion rescue package for the banking system. Northeast Bancorp, based in Lewiston, said the \$4.2 million in capital represents approximately 1 percent of Northeast's risk-based assets, the minimum level for participation in the program.

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Alice

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51 YEARS IN THE BUSINESS—Alice Hoyt at her kitchen table with some of the Stanley Home Products she sells. The items in the foreground are the original products that were available in 1957, when she first started selling them. Hoyt paid \$10 for her first batch of products to sell. She said the cleaning solutions were “green” even then. Over the years she has won several prizes, including a trip to the Catskill Mountains, for her sales.

In the days of the traditional housewife, said Hoyt, “people liked the parties for getting out and visiting.”

The gatherings included refreshments and games for the children who came along.

She did at least three parties a week. “I bought my first car with the money,” she said.

The mother of two young daughters, Hoyt either took the girls with her to parties or arranged for a babysitter.

But a few years into her career, her father drew the line.

Hoyt, expecting another child any moment, was grounded by her worried dad.

“My father ran one party for me,” she said, so she could stay safely at home. (Her husband had to be at work.)

Hoyt’s only significant travel mishap over the years happened in Milton Plantation.

“I ran out of gas,” she said with a laugh.

Training, building business

Hoyt and other regional salespeople attended regular training meetings in Portland or Lewiston.

“We learned about the new items, and how to display the products,” she said.

And thanks to Hoyt, for a time one product component was manufactured in Bryant Pond.

A housewife had bought a brush from Hoyt. When the woman took it home her husband, who worked at the old Mann’s Mill in Bryant Pond, picked up the brush and examined the wooden handle.

“He said, ‘I could make one of these,’” said Hoyt.

He did, and Mann’s sent it off to the Stanley warehouse in Westfield, Mass.

The company liked it. An arrangement was made to combine deliveries to Alice with the pickup of brush handles made at Mann’s.

The business relationship continued for many years, Hoyt said.

Her business also helped a local girl buy her first sewing machine.

“She hosted parties for me and got credits [from Stanley’s],” said Alice. She used them to buy the machine.”

Modern day sales

Over the past 10 years, Hoyt has changed her sales approach. She doesn’t drive as much, so instead of traveling to parties she invites people to come to her.

“Three or four times a year I have what I call a ‘gang party,’” she said. “We play Bingo, with Stanley items as prizes.”

She also sells informally.

“People will call and say, ‘You still in the Stanley business?’” she said.

But with more people working outside the home, said Hoyt, there are fewer salespeople like her selling the products.

“A lot of young people don’t even know what it is,” she said.

Stanley also now offers items on the Internet.

But Hoyt plans to continue with her loyal longtime customers, selling products she has always believed in.

“I wouldn’t have stayed with it if I didn’t like them so much,” she said.

MEAs

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In Andover, “almost every student in Grades 3, 4, and 5 at least partially meets standards,” wrote Graham. “81 percent of AES students meet the standards in reading, with no students in the “not meet” category in either Grades 3 or 5. As with any school with a small student population, year to year comparisons may vary as one or two students’ performances can greatly skew the statistics.”

THS

At Telstar High School, wrote Graham, “students made excellent gains ... looking at three years of scores now shows the Grade 11 students have gone from only 36 percent meeting standards in reading in 2006 to 61 percent meeting or exceeding in 2008. “Math scores have also jumped, with 53 percent now meeting or exceeding as compared to only 17 percent in 2007 and 32 percent in 2006.”

Writing at THS was also up, from 35 percent in 2006 to 52 percent this year.

But the school was still placed on “monitor” status in both reading and math because of small student subgroup results, Graham said.

CPS

The Crescent Park Elementary School is also on monitor status in math and reading.

But pupils showed improvement in math at all three grade levels tested, Graham said, “reflecting the implementation of a new math program and intensive staff development.”

Reading scores stayed steady, but Grade 5 writing scores declined.

TMS

Test scores at Telstar Mid-

dle School were generally below the state average, Graham said. TMS has been designated a failing school in the past, but achieved “annual yearly progress” (AYP) in 2006.

The school did not make AYP in math in 2007 or 2008, however, and is now designated as a continuous-improvement-priority school.

The federal requirement to therefore set aside money for staff development, said Graham, “can be an issue. Title I is tight. This takes money away from teachers working with kids.”

Graham was asked if she and the teaching staff believed the testing is worthwhile.

“I think we get some valuable information from the MEAs,” she said.

But, Graham said, she has concerns that the AYP process is too punitive, and can cause problems when a school has only a few students in some subgroups. She also said the “failing” designation is too harsh.

For results in other subjects or other details on testing, go to www.state.me.us/education/mea/edmea.htm.

What the terms mean

By ALISON ALOISIO

Student test scores are grouped into four categories, according to whether they exceed, meet, partially meet or do not meet standards set by the testing.

The overall test scores determine whether or not each school makes adequate yearly progress (AYP).

If a school falls short, it may be designated a “failing school,” with a variety of possible steps resulting.

For the first year, the school may simply be placed on “monitor” status. After two years of not meeting the standards, a school is designated as a “continuous improvement priority school.”

That means if the school receives federal Title IA programs for students, it must set aside money for staff development, and notify parents of the status.

Effect of small subgroups

AYP is measured for many subgroups of students, including by gender, those with disabilities and those from low-income families.

If any one small subgroup does not show enough progress, the entire school is designated as failing.

The subgroups are not named in school reports, because the often-small numbers would in some cases indirectly identify the students.

As a result of subgroup results, according to Curriculum Consultant Lee Graham, Crescent Park and Telstar High School were designated for monitoring, while Telstar Middle School was classified as a continuous-improvement-priority school.

But, she said, “as whole school populations, all schools made AYP.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Usually by the beginning of December, sometimes even as early as Thanksgiving, I can happily say that my Christmas shopping is done. Sadly, that is not the case this year.

Due to a bunch of different circumstances I have had very little time and due to the sad state of the economy, mainly mine, I have had very little money. There have been very few occasions when time and money were both available at the same time.

I know I’m not unique, most people are suffering the same set of circumstances and we’ll probably all be tripping over each other in the stores a few days before Christmas.

My other problem besides time and money is my grandsons. They are the apples of my eye but I don’t know how to shop for them any more. Reese and Tristan are both 12 and Elijah is 9. They used to be easy enough to shop for, but their wish lists grow bigger, more expensive and vastly more complicated each year.

I don’t even know what most of the items on their lists are. One of the boys did have a particular book on his list and I was elated. A book I can understand.

It’s no wonder that when they were toddlers I got my shopping done early. They were easy to buy things for, everything amused them. They could spend hours playing with broken telephones and coffee makers so just about anything that was V-Tech, Fisher Price or

Little People was bound to be a winner.

That is not the case any longer. I don’t know anything about wi-fi connectors, Bluetooth wireless headphones, which game system is which and what games go with what game systems. These things seem to dominate their wish lists.

... the very best gift of all is that we will all be together on Christmas...

My grandsons know that I am a major technodope so they try to explain these things to me, but I still don’t understand what they’re talking about. I have flunked electronic gadgetry.

With hopes that I wouldn’t just give up and get them underwear and pajamas they added things to their lists like Legos and Transformers. Legos are something that I thought I understood until a trip to the store left me more baffled than ever.

Do you have any idea how many Legos there are these days? There are hundreds and I’m not talking about individual snap-together blocks either! And some of these stupid Legos sets are over \$100.

I thought Transformers might be the route to go. Guess again shoppers. The same scenario as with the

Legos but with even higher price ranges. This shopping is turning out to be a big bummer.

I could do gift cards or cash and I know it would be appreciated, but that is not very imaginative and kids can’t play with gift cards or cash on Christmas morning. Plus they would drive their parents crazy teasing to go to the store. Then the parents wouldn’t be too happy with me.

I’ll get this all figured out before the big day comes, I’m sure. Maybe I’ll just take each boy shopping with me to help select the gifts for the others. After all, they all speak the same language and they should be old enough to keep a secret. Well, maybe not. I can hear them dropping hints now stopping just short of telling but descriptive enough so there is little doubt what the gifts are.

As I said, I’ll figure it out. My wish list to my boys is a lot less complicated and not very expensive. And, though I have stressed that something they can make would be really special I’m pretty sure there will be some slippers and perfume and maybe a scented candle they know I like so well.

Whatever they come up with will be special to me and I know they will be very happy with whatever I end up getting them. But the way I see it the very best gift of all is that we will all be together on Christmas and there is absolutely nothing complicated about that.

Supercrossword

‘Something’s Fishy’

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Events Around the Area

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides!

Saturday, December 20

Bundle up and enjoy your ride through beautiful Bethel village from 2:00-4:00pm. Deepwood Farm will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides for your enjoyment. What a fun thing to do on Saturday afternoon. Bring the whole family; meet at the Bethel common near the bell. Sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. FMI 824-2282

The Living Nativity

Sunday, December 21

Local people re-enact the Christmas story on the village common. Sunday evening at 5:00PM. This is an annual community event with live animals, singing of Christmas carols and great performances by the local people...adults and children. Anyone in the community is welcome to be a part of this. Contact Drew Webster to let him know you want to participate. Live animals needed also. FMI 824-2715

Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series Featuring Mad Science

Saturday, December 27

Mad Science is back for another great show! This interactive show is located at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Ballroom at Sunday River at 7pm. Children under 5 are free. The cost for children 12 and under is \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Adults 13 and over are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. FMI sundayriver.com

Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series featuring

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Tuesday, December 30

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11th Annual "New Year's Bethel" Celebration

Wednesday, December 31

Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce the annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration—an affordable family festival that includes live entertainment at several sites within historic Bethel Hill Village. Featured at this year's event will be a Community Pot Luck Supper; Children's Dragon Parade; marshmallow roasting and a bonfire on the Common; the Judy Lee All New Fun-Filled Family Show; the State Street Jazz Band; the Western Mountain Senior College Senior Players; refreshments and hospitality at the Dr. Moses Mason House; a Community Sing-A-Long with Lynn Arizzi at the piano; and ringing in the New Year at the Town Clock. Starting on December 9th, advance tickets may be purchased at the Society's Museum Shop, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, The Bethel Citizen and Maine Line Products' Locke Mills Store. FMI 824-2908

Tasty Treats for a Scrumptious Christmas Morning Breakfast!

Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake

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3 cups plus 4 tbsp all-purpose flour, divided
6 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
1½ cups sugar
½ cup margarine
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup brown sugar, packed
4 tsp cinnamon
4 tbsp margarine, melted and cooled

Mix 3 cups flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut in margarine until mixture resembles cornmeal. Blend in eggs, milk and vanilla. Stir just enough to thoroughly combine. Pour into a greased and floured 13"x9" pan and spread evenly. Mix brown sugar, remaining flour, cinnamon and melted margarine. Sprinkle topping over batter and bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

Blueberry Surprise French Toast

This is one of those wonderful overnight recipes...just pull it out of the refrigerator Christmas morning and let it bake while your family begins to open their presents; nothing could be easier!

1 cup brown sugar, packed
½ cup butter
2 tbsp corn syrup
1 cup chopped pecans
8 to 10 cups Italian bread, cubed and divided
2 oz cream cheese
3 cups blueberries
1 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
½ tsp nutmeg
6 eggs
2 cups milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
¼ tsp salt

Combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Pour into a 13"x9" baking dish; sprinkle pecans over the syrup. Place half of the bread cubes evenly over the mixture in the pan. Slice the cream cheese into 4 thin slices. Cut each one in half lengthwise, then cube. Arrange these over the bread; sprinkle on berries. Mix sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg together, sprinkle over berries; top with remaining bread cubes. Beat together eggs, milk, vanilla and salt. Pour evenly over whole dish, making sure to moisten bread, do not stir. Cover and refrigerate for 7 hours overnight. Take the dish out of the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for one hour or until lightly browned. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes or until firm, then turn upside down onto serving platter and cut into squares.



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Brown Sugar Bacon

Mmm...maybe you'd better double the recipe!

½ lb thick-cut bacon slices, cut into thirds
2 tbsp dark brown sugar, packed

Toss bacon with sugar to coat; arrange on 2 baking sheets lined with aluminum foil. Bake at 375 degrees until crisp and browned, about 12 to 16 minutes, turning once. Makes 4 servings

Topsy-Turvy Potato Tortle

Garnish with a sprinkle of chopped chives.

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
½ lb bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
2 tbsp olive oil
3 potatoes, peeled and diced
½ cup red pepper, chopped
½ cup onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
salt and pepper to taste
4 to 6 eggs
1 tbsp milk

Sprinkle cheese and bacon in an 8" round cake pan. Sprayed generously with non-stick vegetable spray; set aside. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat; add potatoes, red pepper, onion and garlic. Cover and cook until potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon potato mixture into pan; set aside. Whisk together eggs and milk; add salt and pepper to taste. Pour evenly over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, until eggs are set. Run a knife around edge of pan; invert onto a serving plate. Cut into wedges to serve. Makes 4 servings.

Frosty Orange Juice

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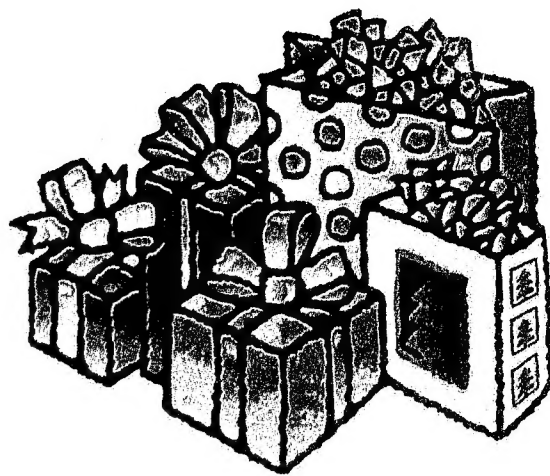
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4. Embellish the tags with Glitter Glue and Squeezables™ 3-D Paint. Air-dry the decorations.
5. Write "To" and "From" on each tag with a marker, tie with ribbon, and add your sparkling tags to your holiday packages. They make great tree or doorknob decorations, too!

Gift Wrap Paper

Gift wrap paper has been used for only about 150 years. Children bring joy to any holiday with their own designs!

1. On construction paper or newsprint, use Crayola® Metallic FX Crayons, to create your own gift wrap. Choose colors and images that represent the holiday or person who will receive the gift.
2. One possibility for winter is to draw horizontal and vertical lines forming rows of small squares. In the first row of squares

draw a small holiday object such as snowflakes. Repeat this pattern every other row. In the second row, draw another holiday object, such as holly leaves and berries, in every one of the squares. Repeat this design in every other row.

3. Make a matching gift tag on construction paper. Use Crayola Scissors to cut it out. Punch a hole in one end. Personalize the gift tag and tie it on the package with ribbon.

Gift Bag Toppers

Dress up an ordinary gift bag with air-brushed art made with your Crayola Color Wonder™ Sprayer. Your gift is in the bag!

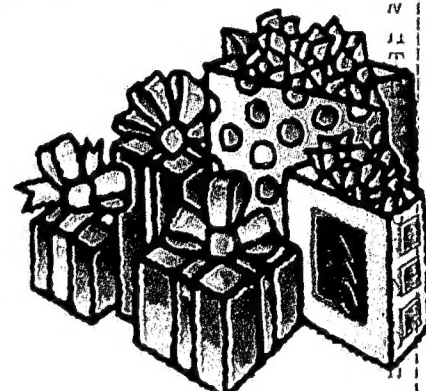
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4. Fold the paper in half. Cut a slit along the middle of the fold to fit over the gift bag handles (leave paper uncut at the ends). Put your gift in the bag. Place the topper over the bag handles. Add ribbon for a festive finishing touch..

Gorgeous Holiday Gift Boxes

Make a one-of-a-kind holiday gift box and fill it with home-made treats, small gifts, or other surprises!

1. Choose a holiday theme, designs, and colors to coordinate with your gift or the person receiving it. Decorate your box any way you like. Here is how we made the Christmas and Chanukah boxes in the picture.

2. Cover your craft area with newspaper. Paint a plain wooden box with Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint and Brushes. Air-dry for about 30 minutes.
3. For a sparkly effect, squeeze Crayola Glitter Glue on top of the dried painted areas and spread out with a brush. Air-dry the glue.
4. When using a wooden shape to decorate the box lid or sides, roll out Crayola Model Magic Fusion™ compound until it is very smooth and quite thin. Lay the Fusion™ compound over the wooden piece. Use a modeling tool to trim the edges and flatten. Attach the shape to the box with Crayola School Glue.
5. If you use cookie cutter designs, roll out a slightly thicker Fusion™ slab. Carefully press the cookie cutter shape into it and remove. Lift the shape and glue it on the box.
6. Adorn the box with decorative Fusion details. Here are a few ideas. Make twisted ropes by rolling two colors into long ropes. Press the two ropes together at one end. Gently twist the two colors together. Glue the twist on your box. Roll long ropes to outline shapes. Roll balls and gently press flat for a dimensional effect. Glue your decorations to the box.
7. Model Magic Fusion dries to the touch overnight and dries completely in 2 to 3 days. Embellish your gift box with Crayola Glitter Glue. Air-dry the sparkles. Your gift box is ready to fill with goodies to delight someone!



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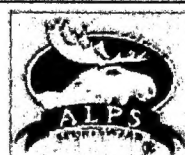
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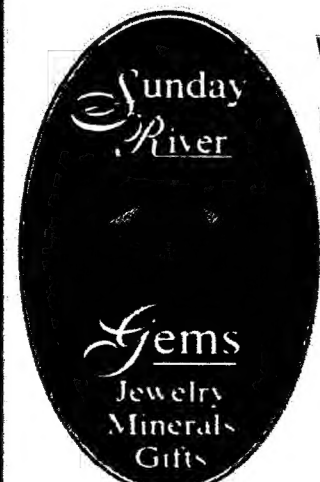
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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 16

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting conducted a welfare check on Mason St.

Monday, Dec. 15

At 7:10 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Railroad St. for a report of suspicious activity. The subjects were gone on arrival.

Sunday, Dec. 14

At 1:11 p.m. Officer Mike Kelly responded to the Barker Rd. for a trespassing complaint. A subject was contacted and told not to return to the location.

(Time not available) Officer George Gould responded to a Sunday River Rd. business for a burglary. The subject was found in the business after it had closed. Anthony Morris, 46, was arrested for burglary with forced entry.

At 5:50 p.m. on Main St. Lt. S.R. White summonsed Eileen M. Rose of Bethel for failure to obtain a Maine drivers license within 90 days of residency.

At 7 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a Mason St. location for a report of a criminal trespass violation. The suspect was not there.

Saturday, Dec. 13

At 4:40 p.m. Lt. S.R. White arrested Thomas A. Prendergast on the North Rd. on an arrest warrant, for the Maine Warden Service.

(Time not available) Lt. S.R. White received a report of a possible drunk driver headed toward Bethel on Route 2. The vehicle was located and it was determined that the driver was not intoxicated.

Friday, Dec. 12

At 12:28 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to Woodstock to assist state police on a report of a truck off the road and a man walking away from the crash bleeding. Tri-Town Rescue later called and said the driver had arrived at their location.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

At 3 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward and Chief Alan Carr received a report of a building on Grover Hill Rd. with an open door. It appeared to have blown open because of high wind.

At 3:15 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward and Chief Alan Carr responded to a Hanover residence to assist an Oxford County deputy at a reported domestic incident. On arrival the subjects had been separated and one was told not to return for the night.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Tips from the Bethel Police Department

If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.



RESCUE CHIEF RETIRES
Stoneham Rescue Chief Alan Carr (right) is retiring as the chief of Stoneham Rescue after 12 years of service. Here, Carr receives an achievement award from Assistant Chief Fred Coffin, who will succeed him. Carr will continue service in an advisory capacity to Coffin.

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Nineteen Cross Country Quilters met on Wednesday for their

annual Christmas Party at The Victoria for a delicious dinner. It was also birthday cake and gifts for Mabel Kennett's 80th birthday. Christmas gifts were exchanged and enjoyed. Attending were June Abbott, Lee Barth, Marlene Engdahl, Dawn Giroux, Barbara Honkala, Ginger Kelly, Mabel Kennett, Virginia Keniston, JoAnn Korhonen, Ruby Kulpa, Pat McCartney, Wilma Rector, Kathy Thrall, Jackie Van Leuven, Shireen Vincent, Edleen Winslow, Debbie Hayes, Paula Sutton,

Karen Bean.

A Bethel Rotary Club Christmas Ham Dinner and gifts were enjoyed by senior citizens on Tuesday noon at Locke Mills Legion Hall.

A Masonic semi-public dinner and meeting was held Thursday evening with installation of officers.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

The full moon was beautiful over the weekend. It was bigger than ever and it seemed brighter than usual.

It doesn't seem possible that there is only a week before Christmas. Wal-Mart was busy in Gorham, N.H., when we were there this past weekend. We ran into Mary Newton



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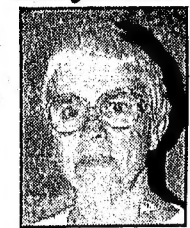
time for some dessert.

Comp. Planning Committee

The CPC will not have their December meeting, but will plan on having a special meeting in January.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Grange Hall

with a Christmas party and potluck dinner following the meeting. Several people received certificates; among them were Sterling Mills and Paul Billings, who were present. State Master James Owens was present. The Grange is now closed until April when the meetings will resume on Monday evenings.

Judith Grover Tent 17, DUVCW met on Monday evening at the home of Alice Hoyt. Ten members were present. Second nomination of officers was held with the following officers elected: president, Elsie Bonney; SVP, Michelle Cary; JVP, Amanda Jordan; chaplain, Elena Noyes; treasurer, Alice Hoyt; council members, #1 Marybeth Hoover, #2 Elizabeth Hoover, #3 Helvi Cary; patriotic instructor, Sally Sawyer. It was reported that seven members attended the Veterans' Day program at the American Legion, Locke Mills. Sally read about "Women in the Armed Forces." Thirty-two calls were made. General orders from Dept. President Helvi Cary were read and letters from Togus and the Veterans' Home thanking the tent for their donations. There was an exchange of gifts and cards and a tasting party. Next meeting will be installation of officers on Jan. 12.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting and Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. is Christmas Caroling; Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. is the Christmas program at the church; Dec. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. is Hodgkins Home Open House; and Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. is Christmas Evening program.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum has a few old maps in its collections. They give an interesting picture of Maine and the area of it years ago. On one shelf there are small plates from different states and countries. There is furniture from the home of Author George Allan England, as well as a number of his books and family genealogy. They have much information on people and places in Bryant Pond's past. Photos cover bulletin boards and rest on shelves. Ruby Emery's research contains details with remarkable thoroughness. Antiques are also important in the museum. Art abounds upstairs in the informal gallery. There is local memorabilia strategically arranged on the first floor. It reflects the character of the whole community. Everyone has donated exhibits, so everyone can take pride in its success.

You would probably enjoy being a member, and they could use your help, so why not consider joining. The meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, starting with a 6 p.m. potluck supper.

Larry says his Cultural Center features many things on display. Recently Larry made a salmon loaf using his mother's recipe. It didn't come out as good as his mother's but was alright.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello friends, I guess that we lucked out last Friday as the

"ice storm" didn't hit us as hard as it did in southern Maine. The kids did get a day off from school though. I didn't

think that our roads were that bad, but I'm sure that the schools were anticipating loss of power.

Hopefully we won't lose too many days of school this winter for storm days and end up going through the end of June. (I know that I've said this before, but I think that they should use April vacation week for make-up days!)

On Saturday we went Christmas shopping, and on the way we stopped at Eggcetera in Poland to eat.

It was very good. We have gone by there a hundred times and never stopped, and the parking lot is always full, so I thought it must be an OK place. My only complaint was that it was a little chilly; turn the heat up a notch!

Update for the New Year's Eve Bash at the Andover Town Hall on Dec. 31: presale tickets are available for \$6 each. Call Chad at 392-2393, Leigh Anna at 392-1263 or stop by Mills Market in Andover. The tickets will be \$9 at the door. All proceeds go directly to the Andover Food Pantry. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to the dance.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, refreshments and party favors. The event is for 21 and over.

Thank you to Andover resident Angelo Kaltsos, who donated a copy of his newest book to the library. "Too Good Cooking" is a cookbook filled with quick, healthy recipes.

Also at the Library this month, check out the Christmas section that Librarian Janet has put on display. They are good Christmas-themed stories that are to be enjoyed during this time of year, and now are easy to find all "clumped" together. (They are on the first shelf with the new arrivals.)

Youngsters celebrating a birthday this week are Haley and Allysa Akers on the 19th and Madison Irish on the 20th.

The Christmas Eve service at the First Congregational Church is on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Happy Christmas shopping!

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Town of Hanover hosted the December dinner/meeting of the

Oxford County Municipal Officers Association on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Rumford Point Church. The Ladies Aid served a delicious chicken pie dinner. Kim Sparks, Greenwood Town Manager, chaired the meeting. The guest speaker was Michael Starn from the Maine Municipal Association, and his topic was about the effects of LD 1 and the financial difficulties that Maine towns and cities are experiencing as a result of the national recession. He is also the editor of Maine Townsman, a publication of the MMA. Towns represented at the meeting were Paris, West Paris, Greenwood, Woodstock, Rumford and Hanover.

Rose Hutchins, age 79, died on Monday, Dec. 8, while staying with her daughter, Debbie Swan and Debbie's husband Bruce in Springfield, Maine. Her death occurred while walking to a church from her daughter's home. After her husband, Melburn,

Area Christmas Services

Bethel

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Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m. at 5 Morrill Road, Norway (catty-corner to Norway Country Club on Rt. 118)

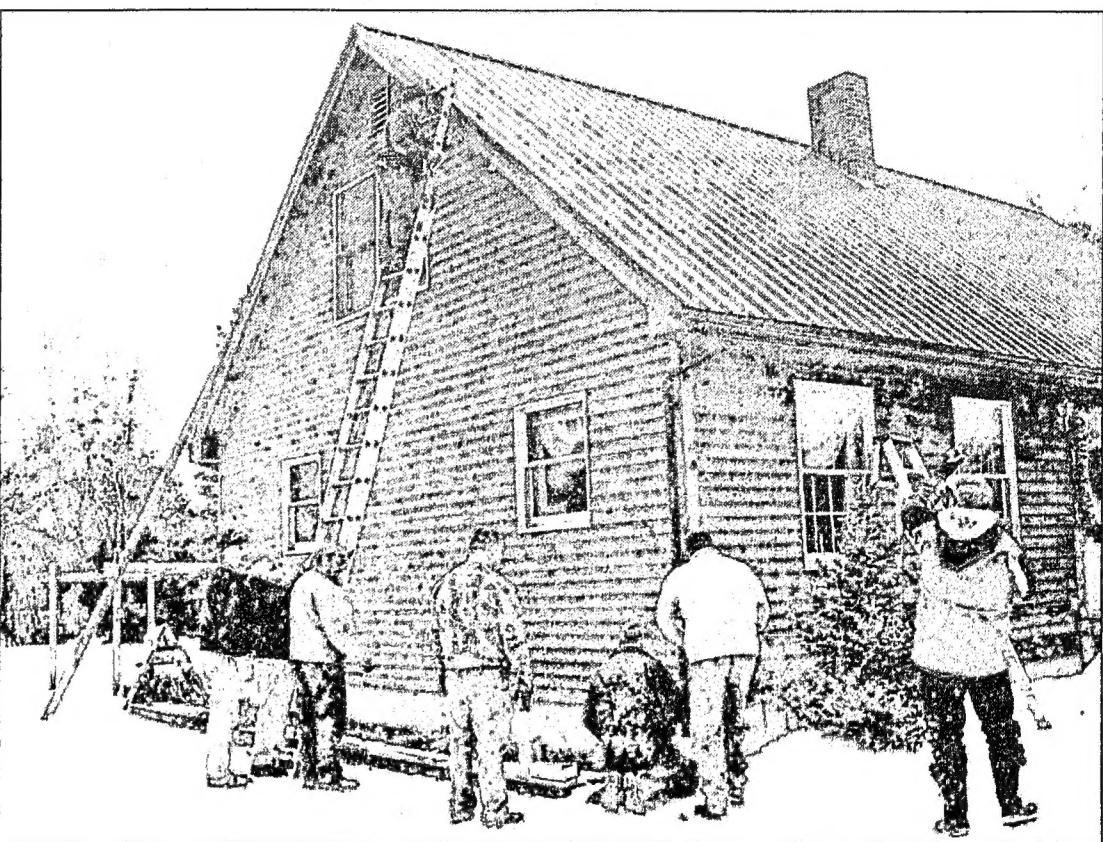
Note: If other churches would like listings in the Citizen's Dec. 24 edition, please email news@bethelcitizen.com or call 824-2444.

began staying at the Maine Veterans' Home, Rose usually stayed with her daughter, Gail Worcester and Gail's husband, Bill. Melburn died one week earlier on Dec. 1, at the age of 81. Graveside services for both will be in the spring. We send sympathy to the families.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edmund Leonard, who died Dec. 11, at his Rumford Corner residence.

He was 90 years old. He was best known in this area as the driver's education teacher at Stephens High School. Many area people who are now middle aged and older learned how to drive with Mr. Leonard. His wife, Geneva, died on April 15. Three sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and a great-grandson survive him. Graveside services will be in the spring.

A tragic death occurred



TRIMMING THE HOUSE—Bethel firefighters help decorate Scott Sumner's home. See photo on front page for more information. (Photo: Debbie Swan)

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our valley last Saturday when Donald (Junior) Barker died in a logging accident in the woods near his home on the Martin Road. He had worked at the Rumford paper mill and was also involved in union activities. We extend sympathy to his family.

The storm last Thursday and Friday brought heavy snow that changed to freezing rain overnight, then turned into a downpour of cold rain. Traveling was difficult resulting in the closing of most area schools for Friday. Although electrical power flicked off early Friday morning for several seconds we were fortunate to keep the power on during the remainder of the storm. Cold weather on Saturday and Sunday caused driveways to become treacherous when all the slush became ice.

Absentee ballots for the Jan. 15, 2009 election for the Hanover member on the Board of Directors of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit 10 are now available at the Hanover Town Office. Absentee voting will continue until Jan. 15.

The Hanover Town Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and is expected to be open as usual on Wednesday and Friday. No meetings are scheduled between now and the end of the year.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Dogs need to be licensed by Dec. 31. Winston Churchill said, "Some people's idea of [free speech] is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage." The more we're required to practice political correctness and are being forced to accept lifestyles, morals, language, habits and beliefs for the sake of getting along with all people, whether it's against our personal beliefs or not, the more emphatic Mr. Churchill's words become.

Our roadway has gone from muddy to snow covered to a sheet of ice and back to slushy all inside a week.

Joe and his truck (which was in 4-wheel drive) side-swiped our mailboxes. That's always a precarious turn after the plow truck turns around

at the end of Back Street and leaves a ridge where the driveway meets the road.

Krystal and Jes Bernier are going to be spending next week with Joe and Penny. They'll get in some quality grandparent/granddaughter time.

Not many days left until Christmas. Only two more days to buy a raffle ticket on the wood-burned bench. The drawing is Saturday, Dec. 20. Call me at 533-2111 if you'd like to buy some. Or, if you have some news for this column.

The Ladies Aid members have a special event planned for February. I'll tell you more as their plans become more finalized.

Roger Bernier spent the weekend with us and helped Bob deplete the lumber pile we've had in our living room for way too long.

The most expensive vehicle to operate, per mile, is the shopping cart.

Have an awesome week. Selah.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

The icy conditions from my house to the car have kept me house-bound lately. Sandee Dunn has driven me to many places, including the Health Center and shopping. A couple of falls left me unable to use my left arm for a while.

I wish I had taken a picture of Sandee recently, as she drove me up to the steps of the deck, proceeded to hoist 25 pounds of sunflower seeds we purchased at Western Maine Supply on her shoulder and easily brought the seed into the hallway.

The final number of deer tagged at the Bear River Trading Post this season was 61.

Please all Leon or Ed with any questions regarding the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information. There is still bridge work needing fixing if anyone would like to help.

Stop at the Bear River Trading Post for lots of outdoor gear, snacks and holiday gifts. Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTP as well as applications for membership for the local Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club.

The day Karlene Bacheider

drove her sister, Wilma Stuart, Gilberte Seeley and me to celebrate Gil's birthday in October. Karlene and Wilma were discussing Wilma's trip to the South this winter. The discussion lasted so long it got to the point where the two of them made a financial bet as to whether Wilma would leave before Jan. 1 or after. Now it is just a matter of time as to who wins. Gil and I are the witnesses.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

May I remind you that as of today you have only six more shopping days before the BIG day. I, for one, will be so happy when it is all over. I hate shopping, wrapping and decorating. Thank heavens for gift certificates and God bless the person who thought them up.

Looking ahead, 2009 is a big election year in Andover. The following positions will be up for election. Selectman, three-year term; town clerk/tax collector, three-year term; treasurer, three-year term; fire chief, three-year term; road commissioner, three-year term; two School Board positions, one for a one-year unexpired term and one for a three-year term. Papers will be available at the Town Office on Dec. 29, and will have to be returned by Feb. 5.

A notice from the Andover Food Pantry regarding winter hours: the pantry will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11. If there is a storm and schools are closed, the pantry will also be closed. It will be open the next day after the storm that school is back in session. The Pantry Board wishes to thank everyone who has donated food, time, and money; we really appreciate it.

Bobby Hall is home from the hospital, and is doing fine.

Joke time: an 82-year-old man applied for his first passport. He was told that he would need a birth certificate, but his birth had never been registered. When he explained his dilemma to the passport agent, the response was less

than helpful. "It's all right," the agent said, "Just bring a notarized affidavit from the doctor who delivered you." See 'ya.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

I'm happy to report that turkeys have returned to the Hoehstead as of Tuesday, Dec. 9. There seem to be about 15 birds, more or less, and they have been back a couple of times. The evening grosbeaks also reappeared on Thursday and in the days since. The most we counted at any one time was 24. On the downside, the red squirrels seem once more to be multiplying; we were up to four as of last Saturday.

This on-again, off-again weather is certainly evidence of "global weirding." (That term is used by Thomas Friedman in his book, "Hot, Flat, and Crowded," which I recommend highly.)

Right now what looked like a good start to the ski season is fast disappearing with unseasonal temperatures and rainfall.

Speaking of rainfall, most of Bethel seems to have eluded the freezing rain and concomitant power outages. There were folks, however, who are on the Bridgton grid and were powerless for two days. All is restored now, thankfully.

Last Friday was the occasion of the big "shop-around," with town businesses staying open until 8 and beyond and sponsoring open houses and entertainment by local talent. There were musicians, vocalists, and actors, doing their thing at various establishments.

Our Senior Players were at the Sudbury, doing a reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," by Dylan Thomas. The Sudbury provided us with hot cocoa or cider and cookies to go with. Earlier, some of us, under Ross Timberlake's direction, performed three short holiday skits at Café di Cocco.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS—Local Girl Scouts 1255 caroled Monday at Sudbury Village in Bethel. Pictured are (front): Souix-Ann Tuttle, Elizabeth Brooks, Savannah Vermette, Emily Philbrick, Nancy Huston, Sierra Ryerson and Natasha Hart. The adults in the back are Brenda Brooks, Tammy Hart and LaurieAnn Patten. (Photo: Mark Harrington)

Kathy di Cocco led some children to the kitchen to make Christmas cookies, while the adults were the audience. We all had a chance to taste the goodies afterward.

Up the street at the Victoria, Lynn Arizzi played piano while several visitors sang carols. The Victoria provided some wonderful snacks and desserts, as well as coffee and/or cider.

Of course, the house was beautifully decorated. I know that there were events going on all up and down Main Street and beyond, but there were too many for one person to attend in one evening. I hope you were able to take in one or more.

Better late than never! From time to time I cross paths with John Applin on our respective morning walks, and we always stop to chat for a few minutes. Recently I learned from John that he and Pauline had a new granddaughter born to their daughter, Terri-

Ann McKinley. Pauline filled me in on the details that her name is Lauren and she was born in July! So congratulations to the grandparents and parents, and welcome to Lauren! As I said, better late than never.

Gail Martin called the other day to say that she and her husband have settled in their new apartment at Rustfield Village, 15 Main Street, Apt. 14, Norway 04268. The Martins have a camp on the Flat Road, almost across from the alpaca farm. Gail has hung a sign on the apartment door that reads, "The Martins Have Landed."

Stay warm and dry, and enjoy your holiday preparations. I can be reached with news at dhoeh@megalink.

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Albany



by
Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Last Friday's storm was almost reminiscent of the ice storm of 1998 - almost. Fortunately, it didn't last as long, warmed up quickly, and we in Albany were without power for only a 24-hour period instead of much longer.

We noticed some trees down in the roads and in folks' yards, not pretty. Our neighbor's trees were bent right down to the ground - fortunately, once it warmed up and the ice melted, they stood back up (mostly). The news reports tell us, however, that there are still thousands of Mainers without power and some in the New Hampshire area are looking to be without for a while as well. We should keep these folks in our thoughts and prayers that they will have power (heat, water, everyday conveniences) soon. I know I almost went nuts without mine!

If you see Dana out and about today, wish him a "Happy Birthday"! Also, a happy birthday to Pam Buck and Tracy Jordan if you see them as well.

We hope everyone out there is ready for Christmas. We are just about there. I know the boys are looking forward to it (well, so are Dad and Mom!).

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie
Graham

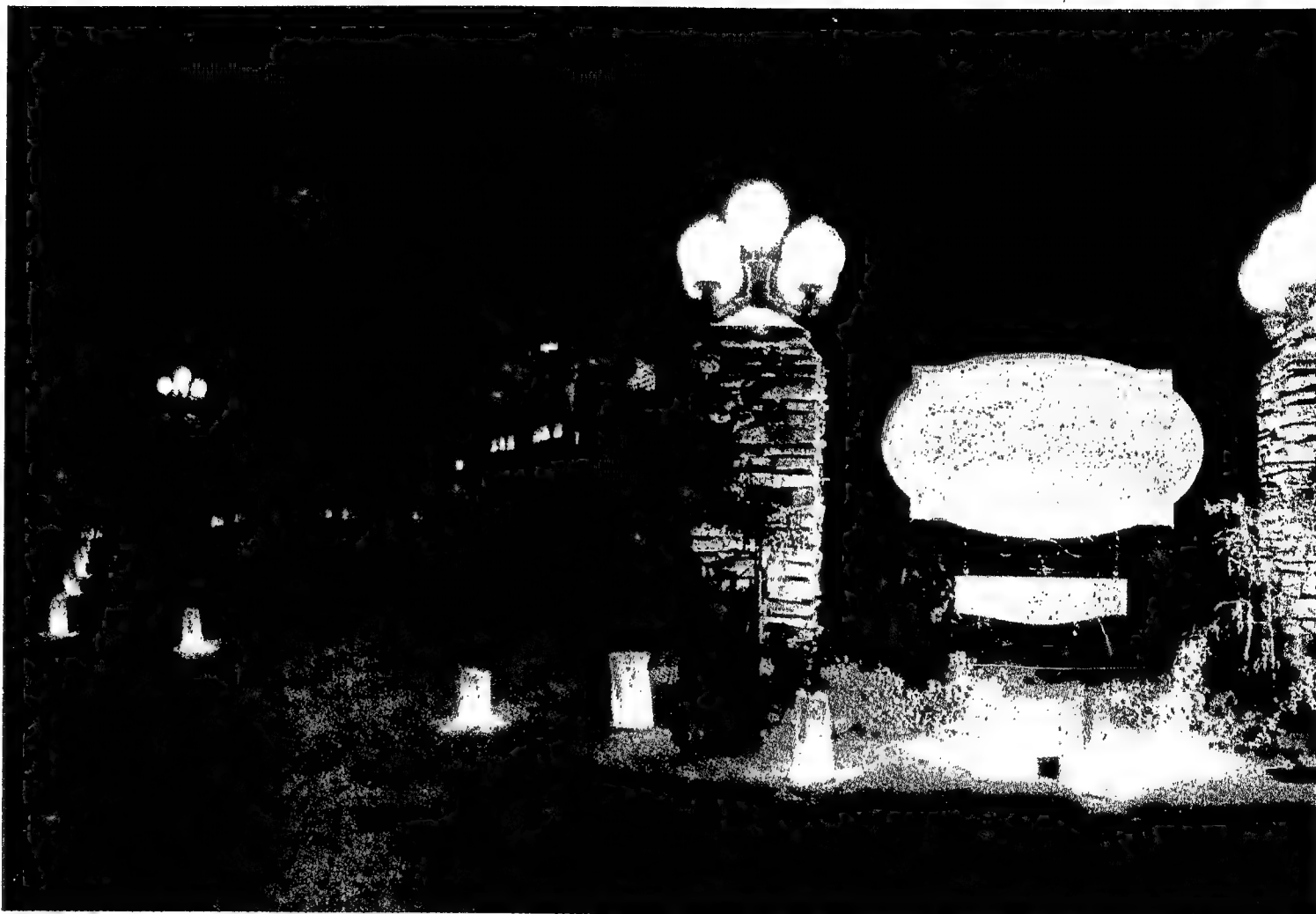
Only a few days before Christmas and all about me people are getting anxious. No one that I know has money this year. Most are worried about not being able to get their children enough presents. I say, let's go back to handmade this year. Maybe it is a little too late to learn to knit and sew, but a handmade pie is much better than no gift.

Most of the children that I know have too much stuff and not enough attention. I do not believe that children need that new iPod as much as more hugs. Of course any teenager will tell you the opposite, but when push comes to shove, they all admit they need the hug, too. I like the children who gave up presents so others could have them. That, to me, is the real spirit of the season.

Having said that, we went to a double birthday party for grandchildren Carter and Gracie Hart on Sunday. Carter is 4 and Gracie will be 2. There were lots of children their and a great time was had by all. All of our grandchildren were there with their parents, even the youngest, Aiden Josh West.

This Thursday, Dec. 18, the holiday concert at Waterford Elementary is rescheduled. Hopefully the weather won't cancel it again. Listen to your weather reports.

Thursday is also Mountain Poets. We changed the date due to Christmas being the 25th - the last Thursday



LUMINARIES LIT THE WAY on Main Street in Bethel Friday night during the Shop Around. The event was designed to lure more Christmas shoppers to the Bethel area. Special activities and promotions were offered during the evening. (Photo: Matt Zinchuk)

in December. It is at 7 p.m. at Fare Share Commons. All poets and poetry lovers are welcome. FMI call Rockie at 743-0583 or Lisa at 743-9808.

It's time to plan your New Year's celebrations, or not. We will probably stay home in the warmth of our own home. We're getting to be real stay at homes. Neither of us wants to drive after dark! In any case Bethel has their usual New Year's Bethel. I used to go and have a great time. The distance just seems too much this year.

No good news on the speech front. I am to play my kazoo more, though. One of these days you may be surprised and I may actually speak to you again!

Tasha continues to heal. I still worry about her but she can find her own way home now and that is good. She loves to see the kids off at the bus.

That is all for this week. I imagine the paper comes out next Wednesday, the 24th. Have great holidays - Chanukah starts Sunday night, the 21st - and drive safely.

From Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 10 at the Bethel Inn for their Christmas Party and meeting with 29 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting. Officers for the coming year are: president, Nancy Mercer; vice president, Jane Hosterman; secretary, Arlene Lowell; treasurer, Musa Brown; assistant secretary, Dorothy York; and

assistant treasurer, Barbara Mahler.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14 at the Sudbury Inn. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Price of the dinner is \$10. Dues (\$3) are also payable at the meeting.

It was voted to give the Rotary Club \$100 for their Christmas for Children project also \$100 to Androscoggin Home Health.

Musa Brown suggested that the savings account and the checking account be combined into one account, and it

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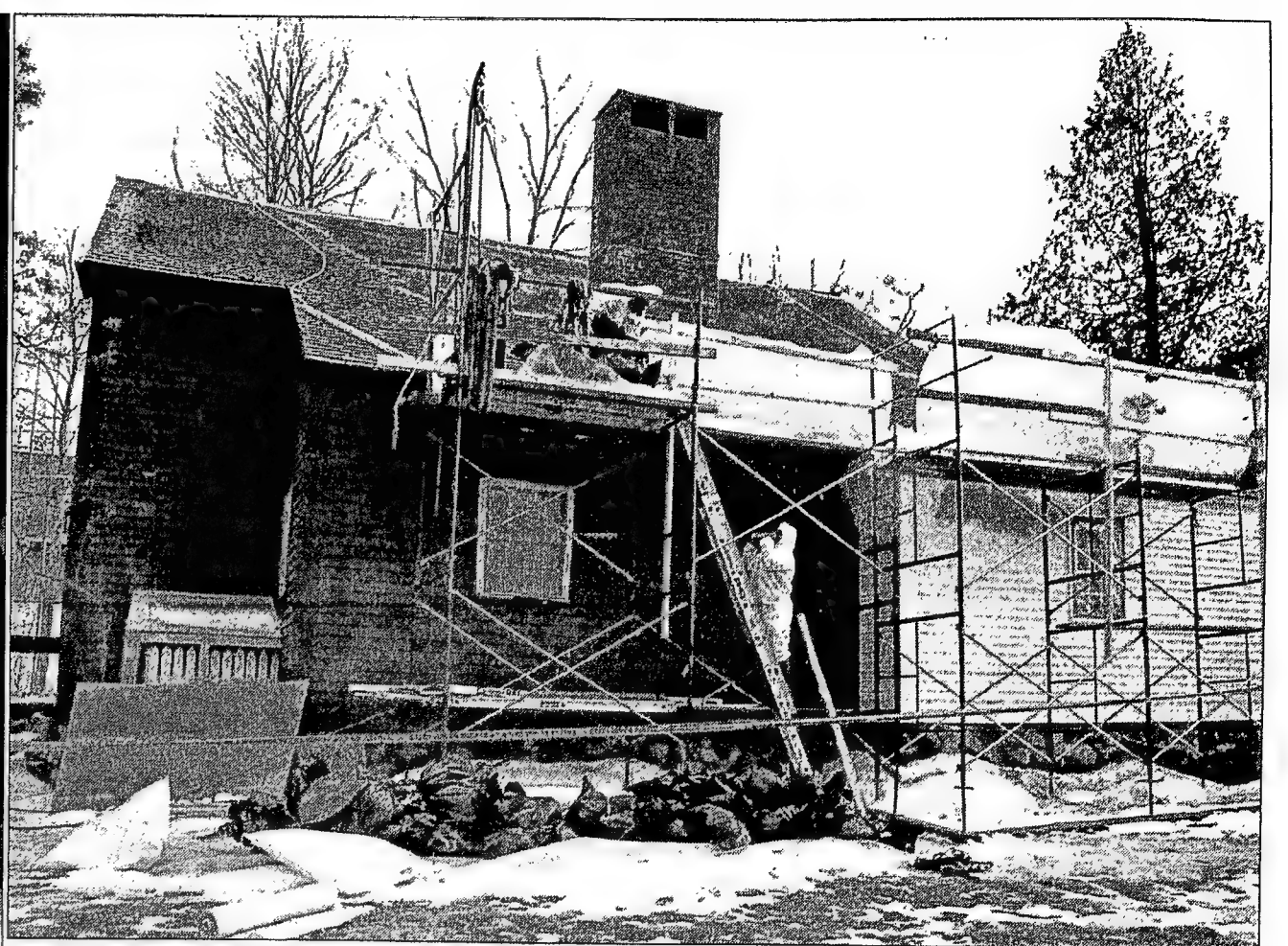
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GETTING READY FOR NEW YEAR'S BETHEL—(Left) The Senior Players will perform at the Congregational Church dining room on New Year's Bethel, December 31 from 8:45 to 9:15 p.m. "Ladies of the Mop" by Aurand Harris is the story of four talented cleaning ladies—Annie, Mattie, Bessie and Hallie—told in rhyme, which features players Rosabelle Tift, Tineke Ouwinga, Roberta Taylor and Carole Timberlake. As they mop the theater stage after a performance, they share their own secret talents. In addition to "Ladies," they will also perform "Boy Toy" by Kim Kelly. "Boy Toy" is the story of Boo played by Mary Kay Colbath, who loves to buy things advertised on television. Her latest acquisition is Cha Cha, a robot played by Carol Campbell with Sharon Lyon playing Boo's disapproving niece. Senior Players is directed by Lynn Arizzi and has been entertaining audiences in the Bethel community for the past three years. For more information concerning other New Year's Bethel entertainment or ticket availability, please call the sponsoring organization, the Bethel Historical Society at (207) 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or go to the website www.bethelhistorical.org. (Top) The Moses Mason House is getting a sprucing up ahead of New Year's. Here, workers from Morrissey Enterprises of Lewiston remove 1970s-vintage asbestos shingles Tuesday from the roof of the house's barn. A waterproof layer will be placed on the surface of the roof before new asphalt shingles are installed.

was voted to put the money in the checking account.

There will be a drawing of all who have participated in the Silver Savers for a gift certificate.

Lynn Arizzi, at the piano, played several Christmas carols which were enjoyed by all.

Nancy Mercer and Arlene Lowell distributed gifts to the members.

December birthdays are: Musa Brown, Janice Cross, Bertha Foster, Caroline Gould, Mary Paine, Alma Merrill, Sarah Stevens and Edna York.

From

Bethel Library

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From

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Programs available through WMUCC include the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal

Studies and the Bachelor of Applied Science programs from University of Maine at Augusta and the Bachelor of University Studies program from the University of Maine.

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Registration for the January term is open and ongoing. For more information about the programs available through WMUCC, please call 743-9322 or visit: www.learn.maine.edu/southparis.

School Lunch

Week of Dec. 22

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken fajitas, seasoned rice, salsa and sour cream, whole kernel corn, chicken patty/bun, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Tuesday: Ham hoagie, potato chips, hot dog/roll, pb&j.

Wednesday: School vacation begins.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken fajita, salsa and sour cream, seasoned rice, whole kernel corn, cheeseburger/bun, pb&j.

Tuesday: Early release. Ham hoagie, potato chips, steak and cheese/roll, pb&j.

Wednesday: School vacation begins.

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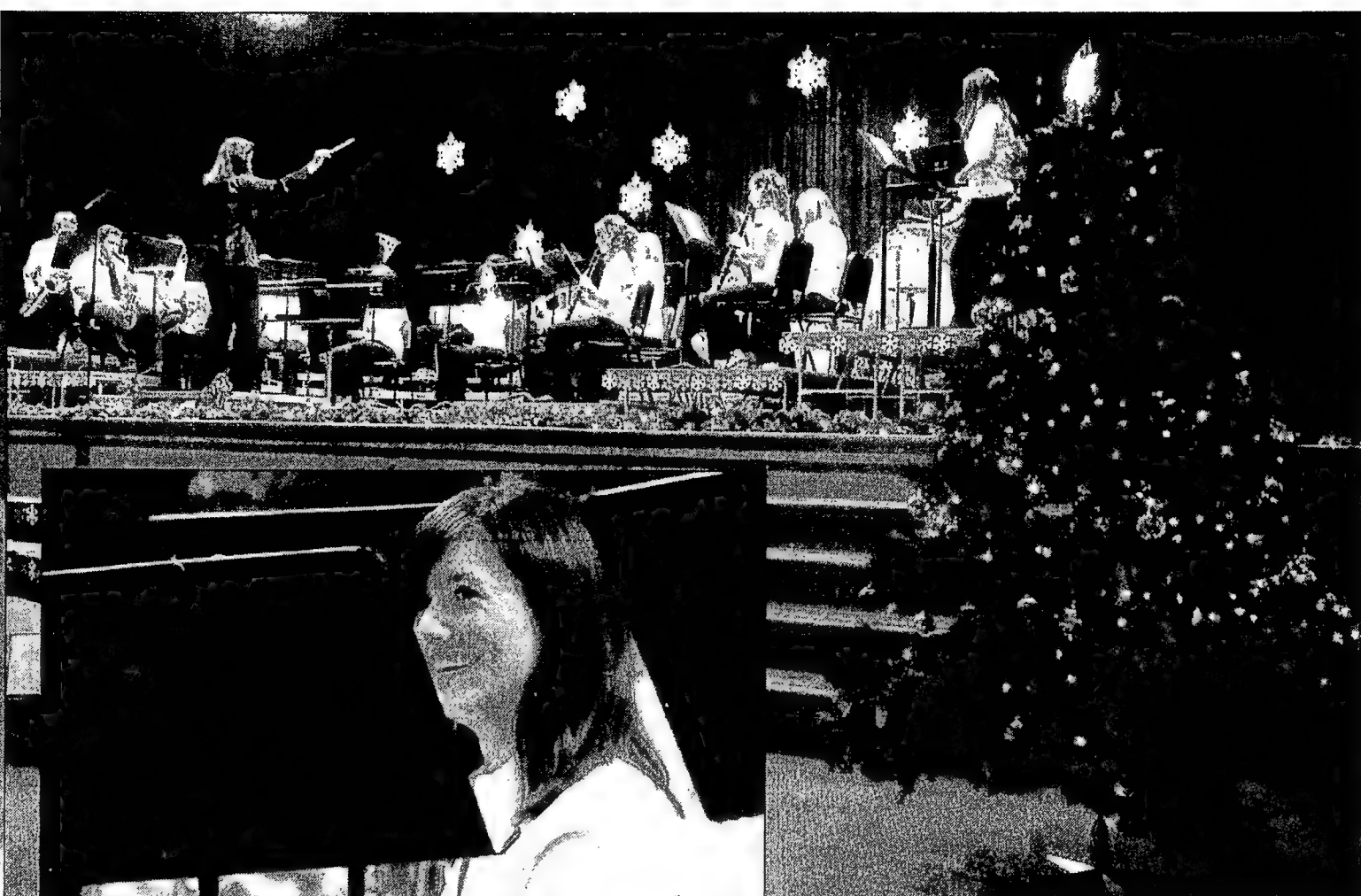
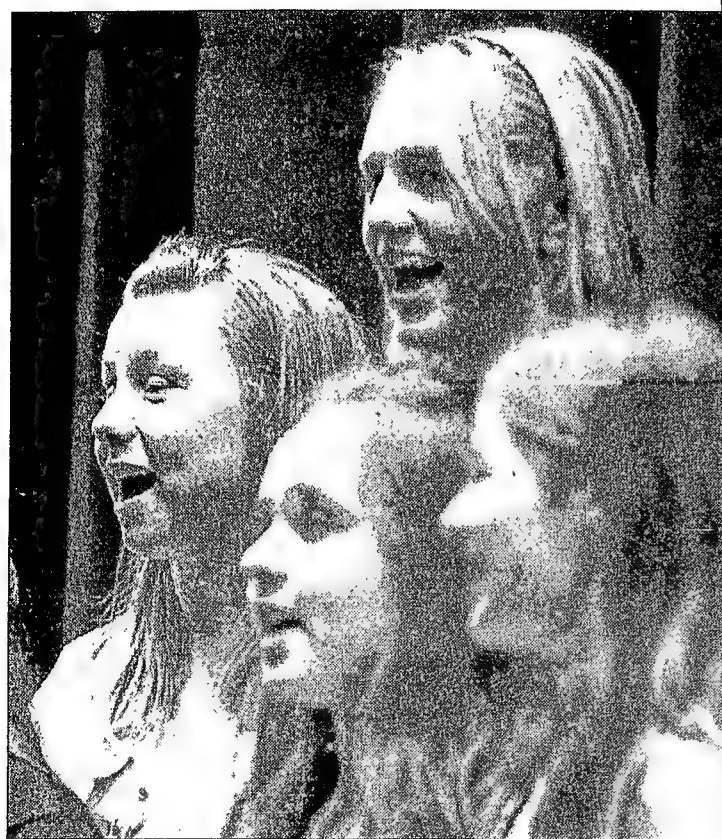
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Telstar Winter Concert



The Telstar high and middle school choruses and bands combined Tuesday night to perform the Telstar Music Department's Winter Concert. Clockwise, from top left: members of the TMS chorus; Jennifer Bennett directs the TMS band; TMS musician Mariah Bundy laughs as Bennett warms up the audience; TMS string members Rose and Rachel Goldberg play a duet; TMS singer John Lewis wows the crowd with his rendition of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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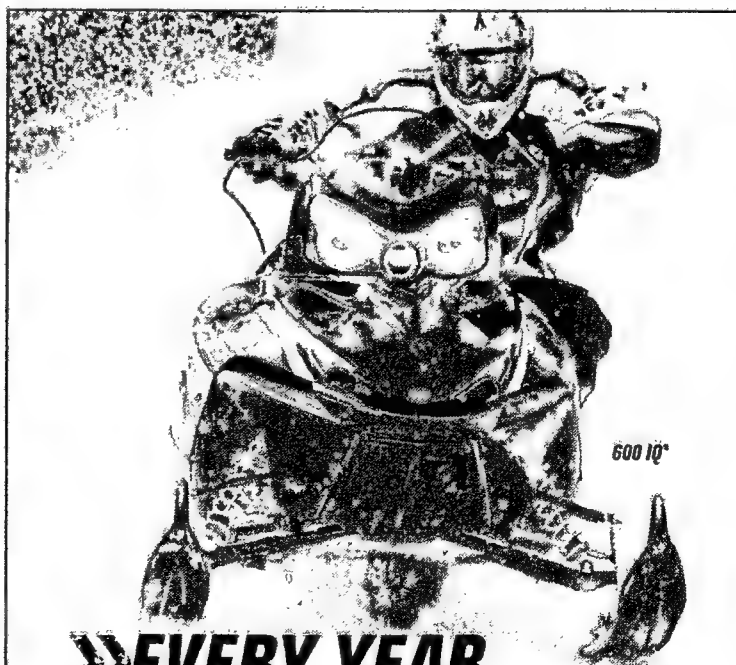
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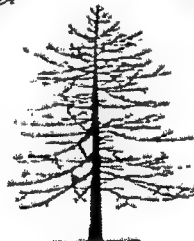
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Honor roll

GOULD ACADEMY

The following students have been named to the Gould Academy Fall Trimester honor roll for the school year 2008-2009.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Yoo Min Oh, Cori Polonski.

Honors: Courtney Amann, Richard Brown, Kevin Dawson, Thomas Duggan, Caitlin Forbes, Abbey Gardner, Kiley Hagerty, Philip Johnston, Xavier Lawrence, Young Eun Lee, Katherine McWilliams, Scott Mickey, Reed Molbak, Dylan O'Connell, Katherine Raker, Hilary Reis, McGovern Reynolds, Eunhee Rho, Seana Siekman, Benjamin Taymore, Yimin Xia, Liang Ye, Xingxin Yu, Dachuan Zhu.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Victoria Bobbe, Troy Murphy, Cassandra Yasko.

Honors: Sikandar Ahmadi, Shuo Yuan Bai, Violeta Borilova, Devon Brown, Tomi Chipman, Peter Cowan, Rebecca Finn, Kaitlynn Gibson, Yeshe Hagl, Jane Haser, Heyongyan He, Yucian Huang, Christopher Lee, Sunjong Lee, Youngjong Lee, Zhenyu Luo, Michael MacKnight, Cody Martin, Ayumu Oda, Anne Osborn, Ryutaro Ozasa, Lucas

GRADE 10

High Honors: Elyse Barnard, Gianna DeJoy, Yongkang Dong, Andrew Keith, Yujin Lee, Erin Smith.

Honors: Abram Bartlett, Meghan Costello, Julie Cote, Jacob Dorval-Hall, Alice Hotopp, Ian Jackson, Austin Jodrey, Shaquille Jones, Anne Kantelis, Jayram Keshavan, Bum Jun Kim, Jacob Kopell, Emily MacMillan, Oran Pearce, Luc Perreault, Joseph Reis, Samantha Southam, Alexander Sponberg, Ashley Swan, Maxton Wales, David Wilde, Sang Heum Won, Emily Wood.

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Abbie Goldberg, Merritt Harlan, Isabel Kannegieser, Jacquelyn O'Sullivan, Amalia Siegel, Jesse Tutor.

Honors: James Cameron, Stefanie Casella, Jebediah Clarke, Elizabeth Cramton, Michael Enyedy, Mitchell Fraser, Rose Gill, Mitchell Grimmer, Jiangiang Guan, Aaron Mason, Eliana Rowe, Camden Varley-Harris, Marguerite Wiser.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Hyde 72, Gould 33; Dec. 10—Gould had a tough night against a very aggressive Hyde basketball team. Gould stayed close for most of the first half, but the older Phoenix pulled away in the end, using a tough 1-3-1 half court defense. George Murphy led the Huskies with 10 points as Gould's league record dropped to 1-1. — from Gould sports reports

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 63, Mt. Abram 55; Dec. 13— Telstar scorers: Dan Whitney 21 (5 steals); Corey Howard 15 (10 rebounds); T.J. O'Connor 12 (8 rebounds). "Down by 10 at the half, the Rebels outscored the Roadrunners 25 to 9 in the third quarter and never looked back," said Coach David Berry. The team is composed of eight freshmen and six sophomores.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Abram 66, Telstar 49; Dec. 13— The Lady Rebels had a slow start, but then played the Roadrunners even for three quarters before coming up short in a loss at home. Cheyanne Day led the Rebel scoring with 16, Kayla Merrill added 14 points, and Brianna Douglass grabbed 14 rebounds while Emma Davis had 11. The team shows steady improvement. — Coach Kelly Dole

Hyde 41, Gould 30; Dec. 10—At the half Hyde led 20-8. In the locker room, the talk was of containing the outside shooters and trying not only to beat the press but score off it. In the third quarter, Gould stepped it up and out scored Hyde 11-7. Micheala Cummings scored 6 of Gould's 11 points in the 3rd quarter. Intense defense from Michelle Kravetz and strong rebounding from Seanna Siekman kept Gould within reach. — from Gould sports reports

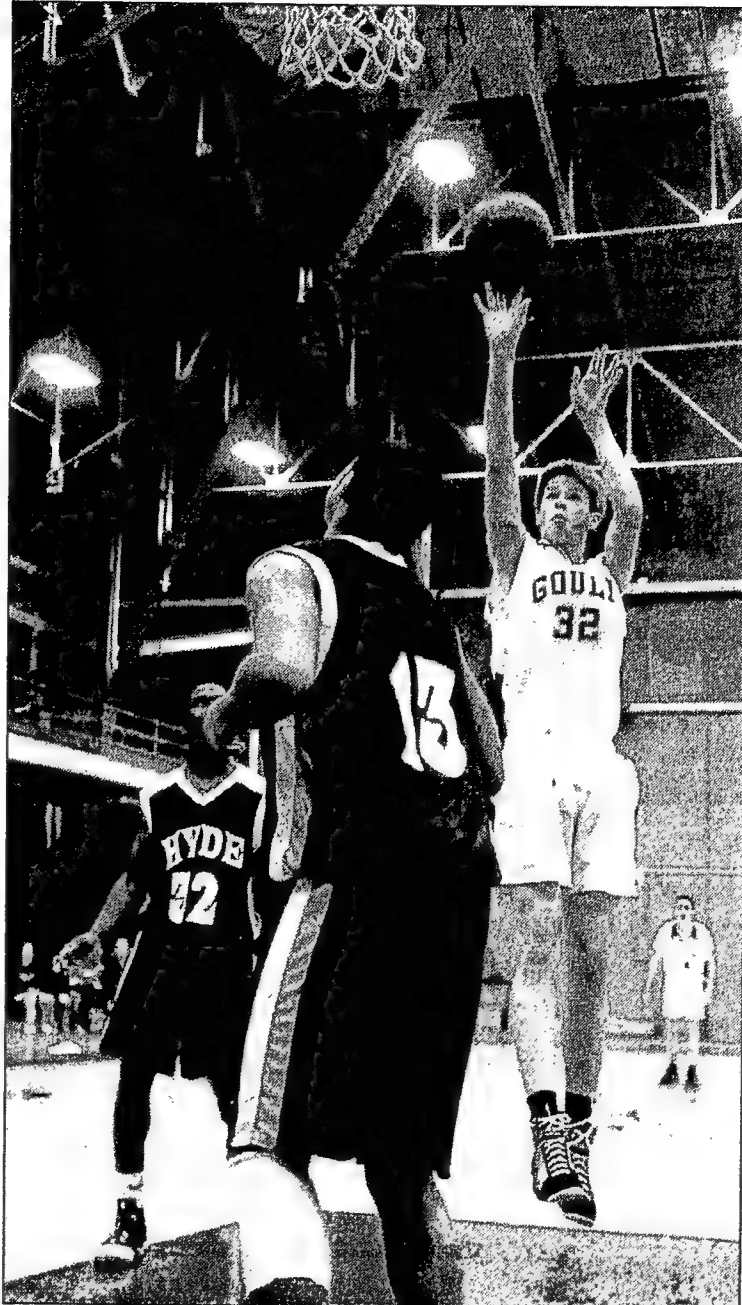
Gould 23, Hebron 22; Dec. 13— Gould and Hebron were tied at the end of the first quarter 7-7. Going into the locker room at the half Gould had gained a lead with the halftime score 14-11. Gould started off slow in the third quarter and was outscored 5-9. In the 4th, the pressure was on. Hebron had a few costly turnovers in the last minute that Gould was able to capitalize on. Gould's intense defense held Hebron to only 2 points in the 4th quarter. -- from Gould sports reports

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 60, Telstar 35; Dec. 15—Telstar lost to a much quicker Dirigo MS team. Dominic Haines led the scoring attack with 14 points and Nik Mills added 11.

TMS Boys' J.V. Basketball

Dirigo 36, Telstar 19; Dec. 15—A much improved J.V. team lost its fourth game to Dirigo Middle School. Telstar had six players that scored. All played tough defense and hustled hard on the court.



UP AND OVER—Gould Academy sophomore Abram Bartlett of Bethel pulls up for a jump shot in the paint against Hyde.

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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20
Christmas Cantata presented by children of South Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale School at 6:45 p.m. Friday and 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Bah Hoonchbach: A very Odd Christmas Carol. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children 12 and under. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.



Sunday River Photo

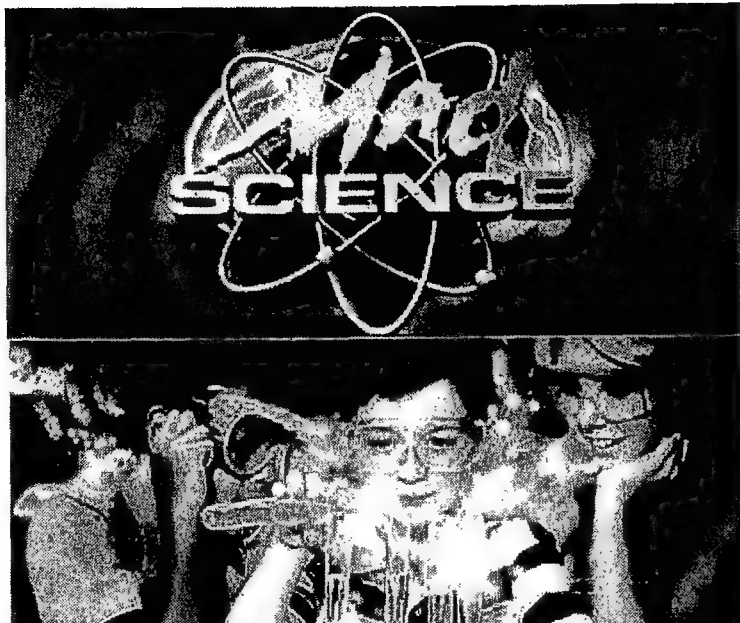
CHONDOLA GRAND OPENING EVENT - Saturday, December 20 at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free skiing and riding will be offered after ceremony. FMI: www.chondola.com

Saturday, Dec. 20
6 p.m. - **Chondola Grand Opening Event** at Sunday River Ski Resort with free skiing and riding after ceremony. FMI: visit www.chondola.com.

7 p.m. - **Waterford Library Open House**, caroling on Waterford Common. Visit Santa, free book, refreshments.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Trees and Trains** at McLaughlin Gardens Barn, Main Street, South Paris.

Sunday, Dec. 21
2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine** meeting at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple



MAD SCIENCE AT SUNDAY RIVER - Part of the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series, this interactive show is located at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Ballroom, 7pm. Children under 5 are free. The cost for children 12 and under is \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Adults 13 and over are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Street, West Paris.

3p.m. - **Christmastide Concert** at Second Congregational Church, 205 Main Street, Norway. Refreshments. Free. FMI: 743-2290.

5 p.m. - **The Living Nativity on Bethel Common.** Contact person: Drew Webster (824-2715) if interested in participating.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

6 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Pageant and Music Program** at Waterford Congregational Church, Plummer Hill. All welcome. FMI: call 583-6677.

6 and 10 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at Second Congregational Church, U.C.C., 205 Main Street, Norway. Early service for young children, late service traditional with lessons and carols. English hand bells at 6 p.m. FMI: 743-2290.

7:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** by Sunday River Christian Ministry with the Rev. Don Coverdale leading in praise, prayer and peace. The service takes place in front of the fireplace, third floor of Barker Base Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort. All ages welcome. FMI: call 824-5896 (recording).

Thursday, Dec. 25

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **Community Christmas dinner** at First Congregational Church, East Main Street, Paris. Free. Takeouts available. FMI: 674-5185.

Saturday, Dec. 27

2 to 4 p.m. - **Rabies Clinic** at Andover Fire Station. Cost: \$14 (cash only). Dogs may be registered as well.

7 p.m. - **Mad Science** program of Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$4 for children 6 to 12 and \$6 for adults in advance or \$6 and \$8 at door. Tickets available on-

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

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Wednesday, Dec. 31

11th annual "New Year's Bethel Celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival with variety of live entertainment at several sites in Bethel Village.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**: Buckfield: Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

8 p.m. - **New Year's Eve Dance** at Andover Town Hall, benefit Andover Food Pantry. DJ Sean will play '70s hits, ice and refreshments provided, 50/50 raffle, 21 and over. Pre-sale tickets: \$6 (\$9 at door). Call Chad (392-2392) or LeighAnna (392-1263) of ChadLeigh Productions or stop at Mill's Market.

Thursday, Jan. 8

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Arts Council** presents Alloy Orchestra at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. The silent film "The General," directed by Buster Keaton, is brought to life with a score written and performed by a three-man orchestra using found instruments, percussion and state of the art electronics. FMI: www.alloyorchestra.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at Sudbury Inn. Price of dinner is \$10. Dues (\$3) payable at this meeting.



GEORGE SATERIAL AT ODDFELLOW THEATER - Saturday, January 17. FMI and tickets, www.oddfellow.com/calendar

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Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

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EXCHANGES

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The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

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Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich, Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover, 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-4556. United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 607 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m., Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 563-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra With-ey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

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Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room; Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

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First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am. Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconate meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome

Mahosue Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8663 FMI

Library Hours

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Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505, Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

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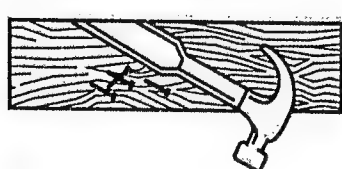
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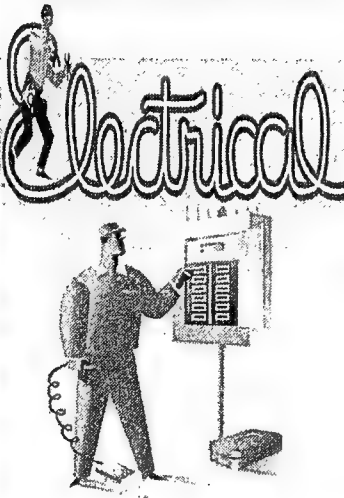


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From

Oxford County 4-H Program

Outstanding 4-H volunteers, Leslie Bonney and Misty Clark-Sullivan, and 4-H members Jamie Corey and Katy Mosley were recognized and presented with plaques at our recent annual 4-H Achievement Night. The University of Maine 4-H Youth Development program in Oxford County holds a fun bowling event each year and recognizes many 4-H members for their hard work and success for the year.

Misty Clark-Sullivan, a leader of Bridgton Pine Tree 4-H Club helps in planning county and regional events and involves her club members in many statewide programs. Misty dedicates countless hours to creative and fun projects such as GPS/GIS, attending our outdoor education programs and EDGE on the University of Maine Campus.

Leslie Bonney, leader of the Bethel Mystery 4-H Club, works with her club giving back to the community

through service-learning projects. They participate in many county and state events including Eastern States Exposition and our county fairs. Over the past two years the club raised money for a 10-day trip to Spain and Italy, in which the entire club traveled on last summer.

Jamie Corey has participated in club and school-based 4-H programs including robotics, the arts, service learning, leadership and outdoor education. Jamie volunteered for ten weeks this past summer at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center supporting field staff and working on digital media. He has been involved with all county events since he joined 4-H at the age of 5.

Katy Mosley participates in many club, county and state events. She is active in her community promoting literacy skills in young children through her service-learning project. Katy worked at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center this past summer and is currently president of the Discovery 4-H Club. She has been a member since age 8 and has also been very active in county and state events.

From

Western Foothills Land Trust

The Western Foothills Land Trust (WFLT) recently received a \$5,050 grant from the Maine Community Foundation's Fund for Maine Land Conservation for a collaborative project with Loon Echo Land Trust (LELT) and the Portland Water District aimed at protecting the water quality and habitat resources of the Crooked River Watershed.

Both WFLT and LELT are members of the Upland Headwaters Alliance, a regional alliance of five land trusts in western Maine and eastern New Hampshire including Greater Lovell, Loon Echo, Mahosuc, Saco River Valley, and Western Foothills Land Trusts. Prompted by the Crooked River's statewide significance, the Alliance chose to focus its 2008-2009 efforts on the Crooked River watershed with LELT and WFLT leading the way.

The Western Foothills Land Trust submitted this grant application on behalf



HILLSMEN AT VETS HOME—The Hillsmen sang at the Maine Veteran's Home and Norway Rehabilitation & Living Center on Monday. Pictured are, front (kneeling): Miles Hunt, Dr. Tere Porter and Dmitri Diggs. Back: Bill Herlihy, Joe Barth, Arnie Jordan, Dennis Twitchell, Dave Andrews, Adam Grant, Josh Twitchell, Jim Fleck and director Pat Fleck. The Hillsmen meet at the Catholic church in Norway on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. The group is always looking for more males from high school to senior citizens who would like to try singing. For more information, call Dr. Tere Porter in the evenings at 743-0656 or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

of the collaboration to support focused community outreach and a series of community meetings about the watershed. Potential meeting topics to include the relationship between land use and water quality, the watershed's geologic and cultural history, the river's fisheries, recreational opportunities within the

watershed, and conservation options for landowners within the corridor.

Working with the Portland Water District, the trusts organized an initial successful community meeting about the watershed in October. The meeting was held at the Crooked River Lodge in Bolsters Mills with 60 attending. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled

throughout 2009.

The Alliance would like to thank the Maine Community Foundation Fund For Maine Land Conservation for recognizing the importance of the Crooked River, the "crown jewel" of southern Maine. Anyone who would like to be kept informed of Crooked River meetings should e-mail WFLT at wflt@megalink.net.

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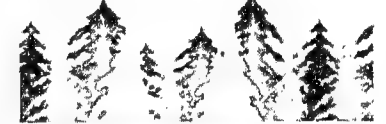
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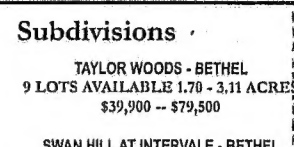
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TAYLOR WOODS - BETHEL
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\$39,900 -- \$79,900
SWAN HILL AT INTERVAL - BETHEL
6 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.41 - 2.91 ACRES
\$72,900 -- \$89,900
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7 LOTS AVAILABLE 2.25 - 5.50 ACRES
\$34,900 -- \$84,900
MEADOW VIEW ESTATES - NEWRY
8 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.30 - 2.35 ACRES
\$49,900 -- \$79,900
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3 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.41 - 2.88 ACRES
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MAHOOSUC GLEN SUNDAY RIVER GOLF
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\$199,000 -- \$227,000
POWDER RIDGE - NEWRY
3 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.30 - 3.50 ACRES
\$84,900 -- \$185,000
HARBOR HILL - WOODSTOCK
3 LOTS AVAILABLE 3.13 - 4.00 ACRES
\$28,000 -- \$31,900
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1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES
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WHEELER'S ACRES - BETHEL
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PARADISE PINES - BETHEL
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Spectacular home, breathtaking views. Unique opportunity to own a private home in the Peaks. Pool, hot tub, sauna, Rec Room are just a few amenities. Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, Woodstone. 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms offering ensuite. \$900,000



AMAZING VIEWS & LOCATION!
Four bedroom home located on the top of Paradise Road with beautiful western mountain views. Hardwood floors throughout, fireplace, bay window in dining room. Detached barn. \$549,000



NEWRY NEW ENGLANDER
Motivated Seller! Antique 3 bedroom home with frontage on the Bear River. Spacious kitchen with pantry, New storm windows. An affordable and rare opportunity. Being offered furnished. \$129,900/\$549,000



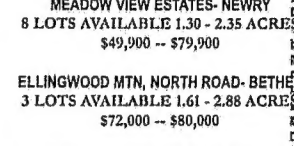
LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE
Spacious log home located at Powder Ridge w/ great views of Sunday River. Nice open floor plan with cathedral ceiling and lots of windows. Newly added master bedroom and bath. Being sold furnished! A great price not to be missed. \$429,000



ANTIQUE HOME
Located in a beautiful rural setting on the Intervale Road. Keeping room with reproduction furniture, fireplace, working beehive oven and featherboard trim. State of the art cabinets, 5+ bedrooms, den, with beautiful wide pine floors throughout. First floor master suite. Alternative energy efficient heating system. Barn, Pool. All on 4.1 +/- pastoral acres. \$369,000



1850'S HANOVER CAPE
Four bedroom Cape in Hanover, full of original charm and loads of potential. Original details include 4 fireplaces, wide pine floors. Situated on a nice 2+ acre lot only 10 minutes to Bethel and Sunday River Skiing. \$129,900



3-BEDROOM LOG SIDED CHALET
Unique 3 bedroom / 2 bath log-sided chalet located just south of the Bethel village. Covered porch, private backyard, great open floorplan, unfinished daylight basement with expansion potential, detached 2 car garage and more! \$315,000



WEST BETHEL FARMHOUSE
Nestled maintained home with a spacious lawn, located just a short distance from the Village. Beautiful pine floors, 2 car attached garage & separate shed. New septic. Lot included a mobile home previously with its own septic. Many possibilities. \$159,000



BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HOME
Well maintained home conveniently located to Bethel, Sunday River and area amenities. 3 bedrooms, beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace, sunroom, screened-in porch, in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped grounds w/ irrigation system. \$219,900



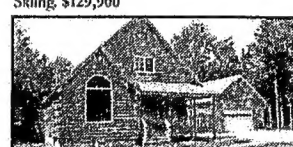
PERFECT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY
Great opportunity for that getaway spot in Maine! Large acreage for privacy, within minutes to public pond access and direct access to snowmobile trails make this the perfect recreational spot! All on 32 +/- acres. \$189,000



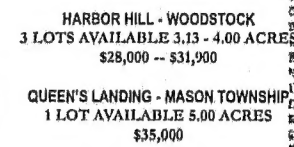
TAYLOR WOODS-RIVER ACCESS
Newly built log sided home located at Taylor Woods just outside Bethel village. Stone fireplace, hardwood floors, spacious family room, porch. Deeded access to Androscoggin River. \$349,000



COOMBS VILLAGE CHALET
Conveniently located just off the Sunday River Rd. in Coombs Village, this 2 bedroom chalet offers an open floor plan, deck with hot tub, large private backyard, walk-in pantry, gas fireplace and more. Great rental history. \$199,000



ONE UNIT AVAILABLE!
Twitcheil Brook Estates
Desirable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium located enroute to Sunday River. Nice open floor plan with pine, cathedral ceiling, 1st floor master suite, fireplace, great access to area amenities. \$229,000



Land / Building Lots
Bethel/Song Pond Road/Rt. 675 acres. \$850,000
Rt. 2,102 acres w/ river rights for Condos. \$550,000
Bethel/ Intervale Road: 28.6 acres. \$200,000
Norway/ Lake & Mtn. Views, 14 acres. \$129,000
Newry/Mountain Valley Sub: 1.47 acres. \$129,000
Webb River Waterfront Lot: 1.8 acres. \$129,000
Newry/ Bear River Rd., views, 32 acres. \$129,000
SOLD
Newry/ Red House Village, 25 acres. \$110,000
Albany: 42.65 acres. \$100,000
Newry/ Mtn. View Road, 7.9 acres. \$89,500
Norway/ Fantastic Views, 6 acres. \$89,000
W/ View Subdivision: 1.8 acres. \$84,900
South Pond Shores: 5.170 acres. SOLD
Bethel/ Paradise, in town lot, .59 acres. \$81,000
Taylor Woods Riverfront Lot: 1.7 acres. \$79,500
Hanover: 12 acres w/ rights for condos. \$59,000
Near North Pond: .93 acres. \$59,000
Bird Hill Road Lot: 2.84 acres. \$57,000
Bird Hill Road Lot: 12 acres. \$50,000
Woodstock/Rt. 25, wooded/river, 8.5 acres. \$45,000
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel. \$40,000
Woodstock/ Rocky Road, .95 acres. \$34,900
Woodstock/ Great Mtn Views, 7.8 acres. \$33,900
West Parks/ Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot. \$24,900



AMAZING POWDER RIDGE HOME
Wonderful 5 bedroom, 2 bath log sided home w/ spacious living area and ready to go basement. Deck, screened in porch, fireplace, cathedral ceiling, seasonal ski lift views, private. New level yard and landscaping. \$489,000



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BOAT & SKI
The four season home is located on beautiful North Pond and has ski resort views. Boat under bridges for access to North and South Ponds. Dock included. Completely renovated, new second floor bath, new sun porch and hardwood floors \$299,900



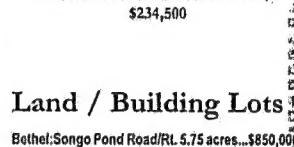
NEAR NORTH POND
Exceptionally built energy efficient home. ICF construction with radiant heat throughout. Cathedral ceiling with open concept and woodstone. Home is being conveyed fully furnished. 1 bedroom apt. in the basement. Easy walk to North Pond! \$269,000



PERFECT VILLAGE LOCATION
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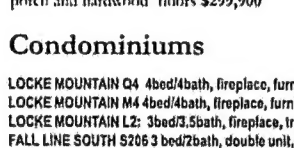
Eden Ridge 40 2bed2 bath, fireplace, close to village. \$167,500
HERNELL BROOK 30 1bed1bath, panoramic views, slopeside. \$164,500
SUNRISE C105 1bed1bath, furnished, top floor, slopeside, rental ready. \$164,500
FALL LINE NORTH 107 1bed1bath, furnished, slopeside, rental ready. \$112,500
31 PARK STREET CONDOS 1-3 bed1-2bath units, quality finishes, views. \$115,000+
FALL LINE NORTH 202 1bed1bath, furnished, slopeside. \$115,000+
RIVERBEND 425 1bed1bath, furnished, sunny end unit, free shuttle access. SOLD
RIVERBEND 42 1bed1bath, furnished, great rental history, free shuttle access. \$93,500
CASCADES 82 1 room1bath, unit studio, sleep 4, furnished, slopeside. \$82,000
THE CAMERON HOUSE 1-3bed1-2bath units, common area, walk to village amenities. \$110,000+



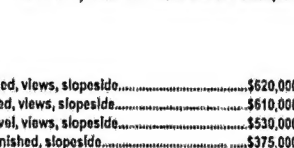
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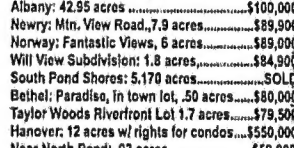
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Obituaries



ROSE A. HUTCHINS

Rose A. Hutchins, age 79, of Hanover, Maine, died unexpectedly Monday Dec. 8, 2008 at Springfield Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

She was born in St. Stile, P.Q. Canada on July 2, 1929 a daughter of George and Cordelia (Robitaille) Veillette. Rose attended schools in Canada and Rumford.

She was employed as a waitress at Freddie's lunch and for 18 years at Madison Motor Inn; prior to this, she was employed at Diamond National, Bass Shoe, Gorde Howe's General Store, and as a housekeeper for the late Betsy Baker.

Rose was a communicant of St. Athanasius and St. John Catholic Church for many years. Following her marriage to her second husband, Melburn F. Hutchins, she attended Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel, where she was active in the Awana Youth Group. She was also a volunteer in the church and would help out wherever needed.

Rose was a volunteer with the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

She loved cooking, wood painting, working with crafts, and attending craft fairs and making Christmas mice and clovers that were sold all over the United States.

Rose enjoyed her Monday night club night with her

girls. She also enjoyed her daily trips to McDonald's for coffee, and because of her love for children Rose would always give each child she saw some money.

While her husband, Melburn, was home with a stroke, Rose would spend many hours baking 20 pies at a time to help him with his recovery, and anyone who came to visit would go home with a pie.

Rose loved spending time with her grandchildren Darren, Brad and Mike Worcester, Joshua Swan and Stacy Fidler, Ashley and Jennifer, and all of her stepchildren, who will always remember their Gram for her famous peanut butter pie.

Even though Rose suffered from Alzheimer's for many years, she always kept her sweet sense of humor and made everyone around her smile.

This is to you all, Love Gram.

Surviving are her daughters, Gail Worcester and husband Bill of Hanover, and Debra Swan and husband Bruce of Springfield, Maine; stepdaughters, Rae Ann Hutchins Luce and husband Ralph of Strong, Olivia Morrell and husband Donald of Belgrade, Maine, and Maureen Abbott and husband Tim of Phillips, Maine; three sisters, Alice Thefaul of Canada, Noella Harris of Bridgeport, Conn., and Gabrielle Moore of Rumford Point, Maine; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, her first husband, Maynard Chase, in 1954; her

second husband, Melburn Hutchins on Dec. 1, 2008; brothers, Paul and George Veillette; and a sister, Yvonne Trombetta.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at St. John Cemetery. If so desired contributions in her memory may be made to the Maine Veterans' Home Residents Activity Fund, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281, and

ROBERT L. GROVER

Robert L. Grover, 92, of Bethel, died at the Maine Veterans' Home in Paris on Dec. 11, 2008.

He was born in Halifax, Mass., on Feb. 12, 1916, the son of Elmer and Mildred (Wentworth) Grover and graduated from Bridgewater, Mass., High School.

He was a dairy farmer, taught agriculture and animal husbandry in Laos, India and Uganda, and built custom furniture, hand-carved birds and wildlife, and taught stained-glass classes.

He served in World War II and the Korean War. He made his home in Bethel and later at Sumner with his wife, Jane Bickford Grover, whom he wed on April 25, 1937. She died on July 29, 2007.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.



EDMUND R. LEONARD

Edmund R. Leonard, 90, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008 at his Rumford Corner residence in Rumford with his family by his side.

He was born in Gray on Nov. 21, 1918, a son of Wilford and Rena (LaPiere) Leonard. He attended local schools and graduated from Pennell Institute in Gray, Class of 1936, and Bates College, Class of 1941.

He entered the U.S. Army on July 8, 1941, and served with the 43rd bomb group in Australia and New Guinea, returned to the U.S. on Nov. 20, 1944, and discharged from the service on Sept. 28, 1945.

He was married in New Gloucester on Jan. 29, 1942, to Geneva Rutter, who died in Rumford on April 15, 2008.

He taught history, coached basketball and later taught driver's education at Stephens High School in Rumford for many years until retirement.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Leonard and wife Gwyn of Redmond,

Wash., Ronald Leonard and wife Joyce of Mapleton and Lyndon Leonard and wife Tri-sha of Rumford; a daughter, Judi Virgin of Embden; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. He was predeceased by his wife, Geneva; and two brothers, Ernest and Joseph Leonard.

Graveside services will be conducted at the family's convenience in the spring at the Rumford Corner Cemetery, Rumford. Those who desire, please contribute to the Village Improvement Society, c/o John Kezal, P.O. Box 254, Rumford, ME 04276, in his memory. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@awi.net.



HELEN N. JEWELL

Helen N. Jewell, 87, of Oxford, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at the Assisted Living in the Norway Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Albany Township on Aug. 24, 1921, a

daughter of Leslie and Maud (Emery) Kimball. She went to school in Albany and Fryeburg.

She was a homemaker, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother and a member of the Grace Fellowship Church in Oxford.

She married Ray Jewell in New Hampshire.

She is survived by two children, Howard Jewell and wife Penny from Florida and Maine, Patricia and Mark Jordan of Arizona; grandson, Kevin Jewell of Waterford, Sonya and Darren Dyer and their two children of Harrison and three great-grandchildren of Bethel; a sister, Eleanor Frechette of South Paris; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Kimball of Albany. She was predeceased by her husband, Ray; grandson, Timothy Jewell; and daughter-in-law, Connie Pelkie Jewell; four brothers, Ralph and wife Alice, Clarence and wife Marion, Arthur and wife Lillian, Lawrence; and three sisters, Merlie and husband Herbert Stone, Mildred and husband Ralston Bennett and Florence and husband Aubrey Graves.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people that worked and are residents at the Norway Rehabilitation for being so nice to our mother while she was there. Thank you also to the Grace Fellowship for their prayers during this difficult time. There will be a graveside service at #4 cemetery, Lovell, in the spring.

In Memory of My Family During This Holiday Season

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